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Dr. David Dodds Henry

## *Message From The President*

Specially adapted physical facilities and educational services on the Urbana-Champaign campus of the University of Illinois have literally opened the college door to hundreds of physically handicapped students. Here they are able to live independently, to pursue a wide variety of courses and prepare themselves for useful service in the areas in which they have special aptitudes, experience, and interest.

The University is gratified at the successful outcome of its pioneering work in rehabilitation and upon the performance records of the graduates in this special program.

The rehabilitation students are a constant source of inspiration to all who are associated with them, and the University looks upon them with real affection and esteem.

May the 1962 school year be a memorable one for Delta Sigma Omicron and each of its members.

David D. Henry  
President  
University of Illinois



Prof. T. J. Nugent

## *Dedication*

This year has been marked by many events which are the result of many long years of work. Requests for rehabilitation information from across the nation, final planning stages for the long awaited new Rehabilitation Center, and international recognition—these are but a few examples of the status reached by the program.

All these accomplishments are due largely to the efforts of the man who conceived the idea for the U of I program 15 years ago and was its one and only staff member for its first several years. In addition to encouraging the growth of the program, he has been active in many projects aiding the disabled throughout the nation. Local, state and national recognition have come often. International recognition came in 1961 when the Swedish National Central Committee on Rehabilitation awarded him the first Patrik Haglund lectureship award.

It is fitting that the publishers of Sigma Signs recognize the man who has made such an impact on rehabilitation by dedicating this issue of Sigma Signs to the Director of the program—Prof. Timothy J. Nugent.

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# FOREWORD

In this age of the "race in space", political strife, and the like, the importance of an education is becoming greater and greater. Wherever one turns, he is asked, "what education have you had?" Many times the handicapped person is forgotten in the shuffle. Here, at the University of Illinois, he is given the opportunity to further his education and find his place in life.

Since its beginning in 1947, this rehabilitation program has been giving disabled men and women the opportunity to develop themselves physically, mentally, and socially. The students gain confidence in themselves and in their abilities through success in academic, athletic, and social situations.

It is hoped that this program may serve as a guiding light for others and that this publication may give its readers a greater understanding of the program and lead to the extension of our philosophy that "ability, not disability, count."

Lynda L. Koopman

## *Our Sigma Signs Guide*



The University of Illinois Rehabilitation program has spent its first 15 years struggling to attain its present stature and each year has brought many major accomplishments. But those closely associated with the program realize that the ultimate will never be reached, and that the program must continue to develop and grow in order to achieve its goals.

In an effort to help our reader understand the many changes which have taken place in the past several years, and to acquaint him with the operation of the Center and the activities of the students, our Sigma Signs Guide will take the reader on a tour of the Center.

Our Sigma Signs Guide is Donna Weisinger, 1962 graduate of the University of Illinois in secretarial training. She is now employed by IBM in Oak Park, Illinois.



"Come with me as we begin a tour of the U of I Rehabilitation Center. Let's start at the beginning——

## *Administration"*

Our visitor has not been back to the Illinois campus for several years. He finds many changes have been made. Residential home sites, horticultural gardens, parking lots, tennis courts, and grassy lawns of the campus area are now the sites of new buildings or additions to many of the other University structures. To the west of campus, the acres of army barracks once used as temporary housing for thousands of men for over fifteen years, have been replaced by four-story housing units.

But one thing remains the same, amid the gleaming glass and steel of the residence halls, huddle the only remaining tar-paper barracks in the area. These structures are the home of the internationally known University of Illinois Rehabilitation Center. In its fifteen years of existence, the U of I program has grown from one student to 206, from an experiment to an example, from one man's dream to many men's self-realization. But despite all of the growth, the Reha-

bilitation Center's facilities have only grown from one Army barracks to two.

Our visitor to the Rehabilitation Center—somewhat bewildered by the exterior appearance of the building—will enter via the west ramp door of the main office building. Once through the door, he will find himself in the midst of a bustling room. He sees many things to draw his attention, for a twenty by forty foot space provides the offices, records, reception and waiting area for the Director of the Center, four of his full-time staff members and student receptionists. On the walls, on shelves, and in a display case are tangible evidence of the success of the students under this program. One shelf displays seventeen of the many trophies won by the Illinois Gizz Kids in national and international sports competition. A bulletin board features newspaper and magazine clippings high-lighting accomplishments of the students in academic, professional, athletic, and so-



Mrs. L. M. Cox, secretary to the assistant to the director, hands out U of I class time tables.



cial pursuits. On the south wall, four plaques honor students and graduates for service and achievement. Still another area is occupied by the blueprints for the new building and a campus map. Small overhead signs identify the many offices and work areas throughout the Center.

To the south and just inside the door is the receptionist's desk, a position filled by rehabilitation students on a part time basis, this past year, receptionists were: Lyn Koopman, Alberta Richetelle, Linda Gould, Marolyn Miller and Joan Woltzen. These girls answered the many incoming calls on the five telephone lines. Calls can be directed to each office or desk in the Center by means of a twenty-station intercom system. The receptionists also provide secretarial help to Henry P. Bowman, Chief Clerk for the Center.

Mr. Bowman's position first became a reality this year. He is assigned the task of maintaining the twenty-two accounts which finance the Center's operation, including the bookkeeping for the many contracts for therapy and transportation made between the various state divisions of vocational rehabilitation and the Center on behalf of students. Inventory and requisition procedures are supervised by Mr. Bowman. He also issues necessary elevator keys to students and accounts for car registration, student athletic activity cards, and other items for which money is handled. Mr. Bowman, a retired Air Force officer, is also an accredited wheelchair sports official.

Looking to the North, our visitor sees two very busy secretaries at their desks. Their "office" is separated from the rest of the area by a long waist-high counter which serves as storage area and work space for the many transactions between students and staff. Mrs. L. M. Cox, Secretary to the Assistant to the Director, is instrumental in keeping the many student records up to date, and helps process the hundreds of applications for admission received each year. Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Secretary to the Director, is always involved in the many administrative reports, records, correspondence and processing carried on by the Director of the Center.



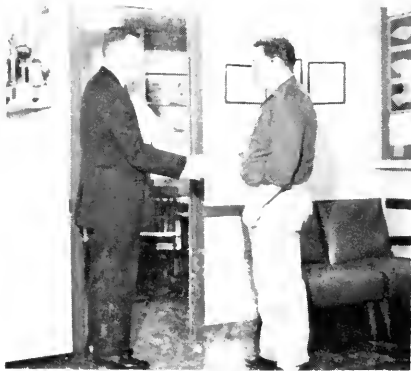
Mr. Bowman, chief clerk, issues elevator keys during registration procedure.



Ramps beside stairways in new dormitories show the results of Nugent's work.



Receptionists — Alberta Richetelle and Lynda Koopman exchange messages at the end of a working shift.



All prospective students are interviewed by Mr. Konitzki as part of the admission procedure.



Mrs. J. M. Johnson, secretary to the Director, handles the many records involved in administration.



Taping a Voice of America broadcast with student, Paul Ingle, adds to Mr. Nugent's busy schedule.

To the left, an overhead sign reads Assistant to the Director, Joseph F. Konitzki. All applications for admissions, including medical etiologies, psychometric reports and other materials are evaluated, collated and processed in his office prior to a disabled student's acceptance into the University. He also helps coordinate housing assignments, and academic schedules for the students. Mr. Konitzki received his Master's degree in education from the U of I in 1955 and was a senior counselor at the Evanston High School until his appointment to the Center's staff in June, 1962. He is presently working to complete his Ph. D.

Director Timothy J. Nugent's office is located to the north-east corner of the reception-office-waiting room. For many years, he was the entire staff doing all of the many things which his program involves. Largely through his efforts the program began in Galesburg, Illinois in 1947. Since then, he has been instrumental in starting Delta Sigma Omicron and Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc., service fraternity, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, and the American Association of Sports for the Handicapped. He has served as executive secretary of the Sectional Committee and Director of Research for American Standards Association project A-117, a project developing standards for making buildings accessible to the disabled and aged. He is a member of the



Measuring average eye-level, part of one of the many yearly research projects.

Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped and belongs to many other local, state, and national organizations serving the physically disabled. Mr. Nugent has received awards and citations from persons and agencies ranging from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Who's Who in American Education to Delta Sigma Omicron. His reputation as a rehabilitation expert was recognized in October 1961 when the Swedish Central Committee on Rehabilitation awarded him the first Patrik Haglund Lecturship at their 50th Anniversary meeting in Stockholm. Rehabilitation experts from thirty countries were in attendance. Mr. Nugent has earned the respect and admiration of many, from students to rehabilitation experts, and recognition of his unique program is steadily increasing. As an indication, many groups visited the Center in the past year including Parade magazine who did a picture story of the program, the Chicago Tribune who did a feature story, and several feature articles and picture stories by the local press. In addition the University TV station dedicated half a hour to the program, the TV news clips for the American Standards Association campaign were filmed at the University, and a section of a new Office of Vocational Rehabilitation film was produced on the campus. Perhaps one of the most notable recognitions the program has received was when the people of South Africa and Rhodesia paid all expenses to

bring seventeen wheelchair athletes and eight able-bodied personnel to their countries to demonstrate what paraplegics can accomplish if given the proper opportunities and incentives.

Most of Mr. Nugent's time now is taken up with plans for the future of both this program and others like it. His calendar includes many speeches to various professional and lay groups involved in rehabilitation. His knowledge in making public buildings accessible to the disabled brings many rehabilitation experts to Illinois to confer with him. Mr. Nugent is also flooded with requests for information regarding many other facets of rehabilitation.

In between all of these requests, he must find time to plan the new long awaited building—down to the last pencil sharpener. Not only is he concerned with acquisition of land, planning appropriate space for each department, and the basic design and plan of the building, he also must plan for all equipment necessary to the operation of the program upon completion of the building.

Brighter days seem to be ahead for the Rehabilitation Center. Within two years, a new building, financed in part by a grant issued under the Hill-Burton Act, will be built with adequate office space and facilities for the proper administration of this program.



The Hill-Burton Grant will help to change this old Center to . . .



A modern — plans to be released soon!



“Nutritional problems are only a small part of the many diagnosis and treatment activities engaged in by—

## *Medical Services”*

Our visitor leaves the main office by the east door and goes through the hallway leading to the Physical Therapy Clinic. This hallway is the site of the Rehabilitation Center's only water cooler, the entrances to two lavatories which double as dressing rooms, and a display area for many framed photographs of our early Gizz Kid teams and outstanding students. He turns left and sees an overhead sign reading; Medical Services, Marion D. Kinzie, M. D., Supervisor. This sign marks the entrance to Dr. Kinzie's office, treatment and examination room. The eight by ten room is furnished with an examination table, several heat lamps, two wall cabinets containing basic medicinal equipment and supplies, a desk, two chairs, a large upright scale, and a small stool. This is what our visitor sees as he looks at the Center's only medical facilities. Our visitor may consider it odd that two basic items are missing,

but he must admit that there is hardly room for them. There is no sink or sterilization equipment. Instruments now are sent to the University Health Service building for sterilization.

Aware of the inadequate space and equipment in the room which would be assigned to him, Dr. Kinzie accepted a one-third time appointment at the Rehabilitation Center in the fall of 1961 as Supervisor of Medical Services. His acceptance marked the first time a doctor of medicine had ever maintained an office and regular hours on the premises. Though his appointment is relatively recent, he has long been associated with the program. For years he has donated time and money in the interest of the disabled students. Of his eight years at the U of I he has



Professional staff members attend weekly staff meetings to coordinate medical and other services.

spent the last four as Associate Director of University Health Services and also serves on President Henry's advisory committee on rehabilitation—the policy-making group for the Rehabilitation Center.

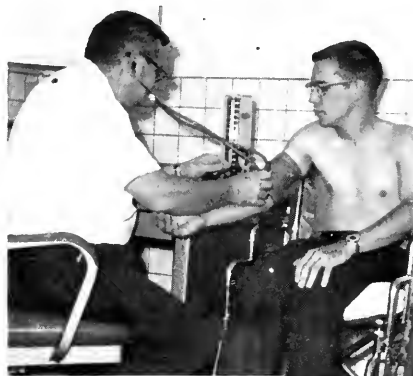
The duties of the medical supervisor are varied. He is always readily available to the students and staff. During registration week, he administers tuberculin skin tests and gives a complete physical examination to each new disabled student. He evaluates and alters drug therapy programs when a situation demands. He coordinates necessary medical services on behalf of the students, referring them for specialized treatment and evaluation to the following Rehabilitation Center consulting specialists: W. H. Petersen, M. D., Orthopedics; R. H. Rowe, M. D., Urology; and L. W. Freeman, M. D., Neurosurgery.

Dr. Kinzie attends weekly staff meetings of all Rehabilitation Center professional personnel to provide medical information on students whose cases are being discussed. He supervises disabled students admissions to and discharges from McKinley Hospital. Recently he worked with Kenneth S. Clarke, Supervisor of Recreation and Athletics, in checking physiological changes of sixteen paraplegic men as a part of Mr. Clarke's doctoral thesis. In the role of medical supervisor, Dr. Kinzie rendered a multitude of services. These ranged from giving simple examinations, medications, or treatments for cases involving nutritional deficiencies, respiratory infections or similar disorders to dressing decubitus ulcers or prescribing a drug treatment program for a kidney infection. Dr. Kinzie has become increasingly aware of the specialized medical problems presented by paraplegia and other forms of disability.

The present plan for the new center calls for a medical suite with nine separate rooms excluding examining spaces. Needless to say, Dr. Kinzie is looking forward to this change.



Dr. Kinzie checks a problem area for student, Luis Duarte — from Angola, Africa.



Dick Gassmann gets examined as part of research activities of the Center.



Dr. Kinzie gives Tuberculin skin tests as part of the admissions procedure. Caption No .18 — No Caption ....



"This clinic, with its full schedule of students, is almost too small to permit the many activities necessary to——

## *Physical Therapy"*

The size of the physical therapy clinic has very little to do with the amount of energy expended on its exercise mats and tables, wall pulleys, shoulder wheel, chinning bars, unique set of elliptical parallel bars allowing students of different heights to ambulate at the same time, and other equipment.

Therapy is mandatory for Freshmen and Sophomores to satisfy their four semester hours of Physical Education credit required for graduation. Upper classmen, and graduates are also urged to follow an exercise program to obtain and maintain their optimal ability. Each student's therapy program is set up on an individual treatment plan based on his specific abilities and is modified in accord with his progress.

Functional training begins two weeks prior to the opening of the fall

semester, when Charles D. Elmer, Registered Physical Therapist and Supervisor of Physical Therapy, conducts an intensive program of functional training designed to help tentative students to become more independent. Methods of accomplishing the many activities of daily living are explored, with emphasis placed upon developing skills to accomplish these activities. A few of the participants attend this session for functional training in order to work toward admission to the University at a later date. They learn the methods of self-care and return home to practice and become proficient in these. However the fact that students learn to independently take care of their daily needs during this session does not mean that they have obtained the ultimate in individual care and complete self-reliance. These various skills cannot always be achieved in a short time—as shown in this story concerning a quadriplegic.



Activities taking place in the therapy clinic at any hour of the day are many and varied.

"I can't do that by myself," the girl thought as she sat on the mat, glaring at the therapist for even suggesting such a task. Nevertheless, she attended her therapy classes regularly, lifted weights, stood in the parallel bars and used the wall pulleys, knowing full well that at the end of each session the therapist would put her on the mat beside her wheelchair and tell her to climb back into it. She attended therapy faithfully, and she worked at every exercise given her. Week by week she progressed, getting a little further—but knowing full well that she would never be able to do it. Then one day she made a sudden lurch, hooking her arm over the back of her chair, something she had never done before. She sat in her wheelchair after pulling herself into a sitting position, tired and happy, knowing she had done the whole thing by herself. At the end of the therapy session that day, she left the clinic knowing that she could get into her wheelchair and that she could increase her speed in that accomplishment with additional practice. Now if she falls out of her wheelchair—which, indeed happens to many disabled students—she, like most of the others on campus, can get back into her chair by herself. She has gained another skill tailored to her ability which adds to her independence—one which allows more convenience and freedom of movement in both work and play activities.

This girl's story is the condensed story of many students in various accomplishments. Independence and self-reliance are things which must be learned without fanfare at the U of I Center. Necessity, the mother of invention, is also the best motivating force. The student finds himself so engrossed with his classwork, social life, athletics and keeping-up with people just as disabled as himself, that doing things he thought were impossible are everyday necessities.

As has been mentioned, development of functional skills in the activities of daily living receive the most emphasis in this therapy program. These activities include getting oneself and one's chair into an automobile independently and learning to drive a hand control car, balancing a



William Cooke helps Marcia Hediger learn to jump a curb — a skill learned in functional therapy.



Sharon Hovey, a quadriplegic, gets back into her chair under supervision of Gary Sande.



Lifting weights strengthens existing muscles for better physical functioning.



Joe Basile spots Linda Williams working on negotiating curbs with crutches.



Henry Atkinson strengthens arms and shoulders doing pushups in the Center's unique parallel bars.



Pat Lavite exercises by playing catch with a medicine ball.

wheelchair on its back wheels to aid in travel over rough ground, getting up and down curbs independently and other skills to make life in a chair easier. Again, in these skills, the individual's needs and abilities are combined to find the best method of doing the task.

The students have an excellent opportunity to practice these skills in their day to day living. Disabled students on the U of I campus live in nearly all of the University residence halls as well as in many independent housing units. These students choose their own rooms and roommates and are not, as many visitors are amazed to find, limited to any one housing area. All new residence halls are designed to be equally usable by the physically disabled and able bodied. A visitor to these halls will find a ramp beside each short flight of stairs and shower seats which fold back against the wall when not in use. But he may not notice the slightly higher desks, the storage drawers under the beds, the adapted lowered clothes poles in the closets or many of the small but important modifications which make independence for the severely disabled possible.

The disabled student's first goal is to obtain a degree from the University in a certain academic field. But he knows he must be physically independent enough to compete in an able bodied environment. Therefore, functional training can be as important to



Charles Elmer checks Luis Duarte's chair to bed transfer during functional training week.



him as his academic courses. Therapy sessions, athletics, recreation pastimes are only practice runs at the larger ultimate goal—physical and psychological independence.

In asserting his independence by learning functional skills, the disabled student helps to blur the lines of difference between the able bodied student and himself and, hence, in the future, will blur the lines of difference between others and himself in the community where he will live and work after college. In blurring this line, the disabled student proves that he is not "handicapped" by his disability. He proves that he can compete in his chosen vocation on equal terms with the able bodied people. By living and competing in modern society, the disabled person is exemplary of the ultimate goal of the Rehabilitation Center.

Our visitor sees today—as on any school day in the past year—Mr. Elmer and his graduate assistants working with the students—Gary Sande stretching a boy's tight heel cords, Joe Basile putting a student through chinning exercises, or Bill Cooke checking a student's leg movements in the parallel bars. Our visitor sees other students working by themselves, lifting weights, exercising on the mat or working with other therapeutic equipment. In the midst of this, Mr. Elmer is working with a student as well as generally overseeing all the

therapy activities.

For students who have acquired the functional skills, participation in therapy and other physical activities is urged for maintaining a high level of strength and general health. Swimming is offered in addition to the opportunities available in the recreation and athletic program. Although an excellent maintenance activity, swimming is only available in a limited scale to wheelchair women because of the inaccessibility of the present university pools. An indoor pool accessible to men and women, a gym for participation near the dormitories, larger physical and functional training facilities are all planned for in the new center.

Mr. Elmer is a virtuoso on the imaginary violin, which he keeps near at hand. Of the many songs in his voluminous repertoire, he only plays one—"My Heart Cries For You", thereby telling the students in a jocular, but paradoxically serious manner that self-pity and dependence have no place in this program. The program is built on the premise that these attitudes are antithetical to establishing an individual's independence and the disabled person must be independent to live in modern society. This is why the U of I Rehabilitation Center strives in therapy as in its other programs, to teach the disabled students to rely on themselves.



Supervisor C. D. Elmer demonstrates a specially equipped shower in the residences hall.



Getting the chair into the car is the first step in driver training.



"We leave the Main Building and follow a short sidewalk to the Annex. This building contains many departments, among them—

## *Equipment and Facilities"*

As you step through the door in the south end of the Rehabilitation Center Annex, you will find yourself in a bustling department—the office of equipment and facilities. Inside the door, our visitor may have to work his way through a number of students in wheelchairs each arranging for chair repair or bus transportation. The visitor will see, sandwiched in among filing cabinets, papers, mailing equipment, and various other items, the desk of F. F. Fergusson, supervisor of equipment and facilities and his secretary, Mrs. Martha Gibbs. This is one of the rare moments when you find Fergie seated at his desk instead of checking on a bus or driver, delivering documents to the administration building or rushing a spare and vital part to a sick wheelchair stranded somewhere on campus. These rush deliveries and repairs must be squeezed into an already busy schedule which include seeing that the buses are kept in safe running condition and being respon-

sible for keeping inventory of every piece of equipment owned or used in the wide and varied program. Mrs. Gibbs is also in charge of the mailing center and it is she who handles the duplicating and collating of material that is sent out from the Center.

Adjoining the equipment and facilities office is a hall-like room. This room, covered on two sides with screen wire, is the cage—a combination repair shop and Fibber McGee's closet! There one will find wheelchairs used for basketball, wheelchairs used for football, wheelchairs to be loaned, new tires, old tires, repair tools and machinery, grease guns, spare parts of all sizes and description, tools for minor repair of the buses, and various sports equipment. It is in this room that you will often find John Fink, student equipment manager and wheelchair repairman, who keeps both game and personal chairs in repair. John also is on hand



The long bus rides to athletic meets are filled with bridge games, word games and plain chatter.

during the football and basketball games for on the spot repair to game chairs. It is in this cage that C. D. Elmer, RPT, and G. L. Fink, OTR, come to do repair work on braces and other adaptive devices.

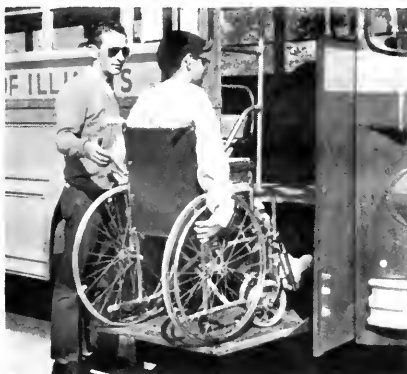
But let's not forget one of the prime duties of the equipment and facilities section—transportation of students to and from their classes.

The buses used to transport disabled students around campus are ordinary buses with modifications to suit rehabilitation needs. The only seats installed in each bus are the davenport seat at the rear and two along each side, over the wheel housings. The seats may be used to transport thirteen ambulatory or semi-ambulatory students. The absence of all but five seats allows ample floor space for a total of fourteen wheelchairs. More may be boarded by judicious placing of the chairs, or by having the more mobile students transfer onto the seats and fold their wheelchairs.

Boarding and alighting the bus is accomplished by means of a special hydraulic lift which is installed in the space usually taken up by the front step well. For traveling, the lift is folded vertically into the bus allowing the front doors to be closed. When a chair is to be unloaded, the driver operates one of two switches conveniently located in front of him on the dashboard, the doors open, and by use of the second switch, the lift is lowered to a horizontal position. After the student has placed himself on the lift, it is hydraulically lowered to the ground, the student wheels himself off and he is on his way to class. The total time needed to load or unload one wheelchair is less than five seconds. As a safety and convenience measure, there is a duplicate set of door and ramp controls located on the outside of the bus just beside the front door. This enables the bus driver to operate the lift while standing on the ground to steady the chair while new students learn to use the lift. There



Buses run each Sunday to take students to the religious foundations of their choice.



Driver Don Kiest instructs a new student in the proper procedure for using the bus lift.



John Fink, student equipment manager, repairs an activity chair in the "cage".



Driver Buford Conover watches student alight at a location requiring a special loading dock.



Mrs. M. E. Gibbs, secretary, checks out an activity chair to an ambulatory student.



Driver Fred Wiley runs a special trip for track and field practice.

is also a cut-off device in the mechanism which prevents the ramp from lifting vertically into the bus when someone is on it, thus preventing being thrown into the bus. As another safety feature, the lifts have a rough surface to prevent slipping during rainy or icy weather.

At present, there are four fully adapted buses in operation on campus. The two newer ones, an improvement over the older buses, were purchased in 1960 from the Marmon-Herrington Corporation of Indianapolis. Their larger size and faster lifts improve efficiency.

In order that students may be picked up and delivered to within pushing distance of their classes on time, transportation is arranged with specific routes, arrivals and departures, to allow ample time to push to class, ride elevators, and getting to their class rooms. Buses depart from the dorms at half past the hour—anyone not there doesn't ride. To conserve time and be of convenience to all, this schedule is planned to coincide with class changes. This allows for every student to get to his class destination and the buses to be in position for pick-up from classes in the same trip. Bus service is constant, day in and day out, in any kind of weather.



Supervisor F. F. Fergusson discusses a trouble spot on a bus with City Lines maintenance supervisor.

The buses may be called on to handle trips to the hospital for a student's appointment, to a repair shop for special parts or services not available in the cage, or to a field for track, field or archery practice.

The bus service also includes weekly Sunday trips to and from churches in the campus area; DSO meetings, picnics and functions; the fall picnic and outing at Lake Springfield; trips to Chanute Air Force Base for basketball games, and others. This year the NWBA Tournament was held at Chanute, and the buses were used to transport participating teams from the U of I airport to the base and also between various points on the base. A bus is also available between semesters and during vacation breaks to transport those students who remain on campus to local restaurants for meals.

During the semester break this year, the Marmon-Herrington Corporation loaned the Center a new Marmon-Herrington Model 800 over-the-road bus to take the basketball team and their equipment on the annual tour through the midwest. The team, while playing many exhibition games, traveled to many towns including St. Joseph, Missouri; Rockford, Illinois; Kansas City, Kansas and others.

A recent improvement in transportation has been the addition and scheduling of a regular night run five evenings a week. This bus makes regular delivery and pick up for evening classes and exams. The night bus is a boon to those wishing to use the library until 9:30 p. m.

These buses also provide transportation for several organizations in the community and around the University. Each year Rehabilitation Center buses transport summer music clinic students, disabled Pioneer Day campers, participants in the speech clinic summer program and others to and from their many sessions. In addition, a number of local disabled citizens are using the bus to get to and from their daily work assignments at the Community Rehabilitation Workshop in Urbana. Transportation of physically disabled children of the Special Education Department of Champaign Schools for educational field trips, activities, etc. is also provided.

It would be difficult to visualize their campus life without busses. The campus is so large and the distance between buildings so great that bus transportation is a vital part of the disabled students' life.



Driver Paul Abeln uses the bus air hose to fill the pneumatic tires on a student's chair.



Mrs. Gibbs operates the duplicating machine while a student collates the results.



“The next area in the room covers activities from A to Z—Archery to “z”wimming. Excitement is offered the year around in——

## *Recreation and Athletics”*

Continuing northward, our visitor sees a desk shared by two half-time student secretaries. To its left, a door leads to a small office almost filled by a desk, credenza and filing cabinets. Pictures of wheelchair athletics on the wall indicate this area is devoted to sports. A glance at the overhead sign confirms that this is the Recreation and Athletic Services area, Kenneth S. Clarke, Supervisor.

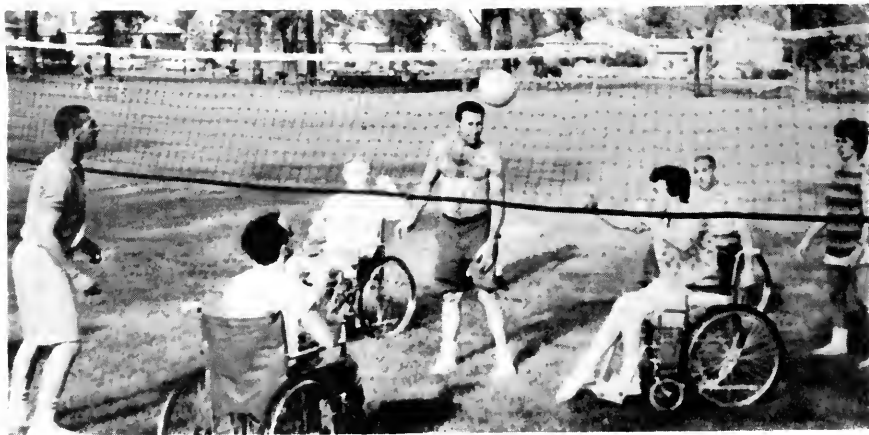
From this office, both formal and informal recreation activities are organized. Several picnics are coordinated each year from this section. Each fall, a picnic sponsored by the alumni is held to acquaint new students with the staff and local alums. This event is often the first taste of wheelchair activity, a la Rehabilitation Center, experienced by the newcomer. A week later, the annual picnic sponsored by Disabled American Veterans at Lake Springfield, Illinois adds the final chance for sheer relaxation and fun before classes begin the next day. The spring DSO picnic is the last one before classes dismiss for the sum-

mer, though often families and small groups get together frequently during the summer. At many of these, equipment and recreation activities are provided by this department to insure sore muscles to the more sedentary participants.

This department is bustling all year around with athletic activities. Supervisor, Kenneth “Casey” Clarke, who is completing work on his Ph. D. degree in Health and Physiology acts as athletic director and coaches basketball, football, track and field and is directly responsible for swimming, archery, bowling and other sports played by the disabled students at the U of I.

The arrival of students on campus marks the beginning of football practice. Then the Golds, Blues and Whites battle for gridiron supremacy. New players are drafted each year by the three teams in the same manner as the professional clubs.

Wheelchair football is every bit as rough and ready as able bodied football. The game is played on a 30 by 60 yard field. Kick-offs and punts are



Staff and students join in a volleyball game at a DSO picnic with recreation planned by R & A.

passed instead of being kicked, punts being announced to the opposing team. The wheelchair is considered part of the man for all purposes of contact except for tackling. A tackle is made by placing both hands simultaneously on the ball carrier. Blocking is done by ramming wheelchair against wheelchair from a front angle—making the wheelchair mechanic the most valuable team member.

In six games, the Golds, again this year, proved themselves champs. Final tally found the season's results as follows: Golds, 3 wins, 1 loss; Blues, 2 and 2; Whites, feeling the loss of several stars from graduation, 1 and 3. Tim Harris of the Whites proved himself unofficial rookie of the year. In the last game, Tim ran 110 yards for two touchdowns, passed to Paul Sones for another and tossed the extra point to Dan Kotter to win the game for the Whites 19-18. All-Stars Vince Caputo, Dean Nosker, Tom Joyce, Anderson McCullough, Paul Sones, Bill Simmons, Roger Carroll and Tim Harris provided action and ability to make the race for the top skillful and exciting.

Even if the Golds had been the gloating type, they would not have found much time to do so. The yard markers had barely been stored in the cage when the basketballs were broken out for the Gizz Kids' 14th season. With a team of only two returning starters, the Kids had to rely on rookies. With the guidance of veterans Tom Joyce, Vince Caputo and Bill Simmons, Rookies Bill Stewart, Tim Harris and Larry Anderson learned fast. The Gizz Kids won 16 and lost 6 to finish the season in a strong fourth place out of 8 in the Midwest Conference. They were the only team to beat the champs, Kansas City.

The annual between semester basketball tour covered over 1550 miles. Nine games were played in as many cities including Kankakee, Harvey, Rockford, Rock Falls, and O'Fallon, Illinois; Atlantic, Iowa; Boys Town, Nebraska; St. Joseph, Missouri; and Kansas City, Kansas. Denver, Colorado, though scheduled, had to be cancelled because of the annual transportation difficulties. The bus broke down in Atlantic, Iowa, stranding the team for three days. They made good



Wheelchair football games are played among three teams each fall.



No. 11 for the Whites almost gets through, but the Blues are in the right place.



A full range of emotion is shown on the faces of the Gizz Kids Cheerleaders.



Wheelchair basketball is one of the most widely known and competitive games for the disabled.



Illinois' Tom Joyce fights for possession of the ball with Wally Petro, St. Louis.



"Swing your partner" is the call as Marcia Mendelson rehearses the square dancers.

use of their time, though, and organized an impromptu exhibition against the top industrial league of the city.

The Gizz Kids, as in every year in the past, were invited to the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held for the third consecutive year at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois. This year, for the first time, 10 teams played a double elimination tourney through third place. The finals found the Long Beach Flying Wheels battling the Pan Am Jets, with Long Beach winning by three points for their third straight national title. The Gizz Kids, despite their inexperience, beat the Southern Conference Champs in the first round but then succumbed to the Flying Wheels and the St. Louis Rams.

Wheelchair basketball, like football is a highly skilled game. At the end of this season, the NWBA approved several rule changes effective next season. Now, in essence, NWBA and National Collegiate (NCAA) basketball rules are identical with only three general adaptations: the chair is part of the man in rules regarding contact, out of bounds, etc.; a man may take two pushes while in possession of the ball, then he must dribble at least once, pass or shoot; the team in possession of the ball is allowed 6 seconds in the free throw lane.

NWBA Commissioner, T. J. Nugent is responsible for its administration, keeping permanent records of team rosters, statistics and histories, structuring and seeding national tournament participants, settling associa-



Glen Cerveny demonstrates the use of a bowling rail for the blind to secretary, Louise Jones.



tion affairs and accounting for other administrative details. Mr. Clarke assists Mr. Nugent in most of these functions.

The girls were not idle while the boys were busy playing basketball. Linda Williams, Carolyn Metzka, Bobbi Giesse, Barbara Gilby, Cathy Salemi, Sharon Easley and Bonnie Ferneau served as Varsity cheerleaders during the year performing at home and away games. These girls did both sideline and intricate formation cheers on the floor. At halftime of the basketball games, four of them joined with Pat Lavite, Bill Whitenack, Connie Joe Mason and Dave Dixon to square dance. In western costume appropriate to the occasion, they performed a variety of folk and square dances. Marcia Mendelson, a recreation major fulfilling field work requirements, coached the cheerleaders and called for the square dancers both at home and away.

Another sport occupied the time of disabled students during the winter months. Bowling grew bigger than ever this year with monthly recreational sessions open to all students and their friends. Graduate assistant, Glen Cerveny, a masters candidate in recreation, organized the recreational bowling as well as performing other duties. Also, the League O'Wheels, inactive for several years, came back in full force. Four teams of three men each battled for the league championship from October to April. John Pushkash, Dick Gassman and Harry Stewart—the Lucky Strikes — won the

honors. Lee Wise of the Kingston Trio, captured top honors for high game, high series and high average in the league. Highlight of the wheelchair baseball season was the staff victory over the students.

Spring around this department is not announced by the first robin but rather the first javelin. Warmer weather finds the Illinois wheelchair track and field team practicing in a parking lot and adjacent field south of the campus. In May, the Indiana Invitational Track and Field Meet in Indianapolis is the first competition of the season. This year, the team repeated their fine past performances by winning this meet with 293 points. Indianapolis Crossroads, came in second place with 79½ points in front of seven other teams.

Meanwhile, back at the Center, the girls were warming up for national competition. For the first time, U of I disabled girls were practicing javelin, discus, table tennis, archery, bowling and swimming for the National Wheelchair Games. Coached and aided by Sue McMullin, another recreation major doing field work, the girls, like the boys used regulation javelin, discus and archery equipment. All wheelchair track and field events are conducted with only a few modifications from NCAA track and field regulations.

Twenty seven wheelchair Illini went to New York to vie for the national title in 60 and 100 yard dashes, 240 and 400 yard relays, slalom, discus, javelin, shot put, archery, bowling,



League bowler, Dick Gassmann of the winning Lucky Strikes, tries for a tricky spare.



Illinois leads as they pass the baton in the 240 yard relay at Indianapolis.



Tom Jones gets set for a winning Class I javelin throw.



Sue McMullin helps Carol Giesse perfect her shotput for competition.



Novice archer, Bill Whitenack, takes aim under the watchful eye of coach Whitman — also competing.

table tennis and swimming. Competition in this meet, as in all U. S. meets, is divided into 3 classes according to degree of paralysis. At the end of three days, the team had collected an overall 164 points—30% of the total points—to win the title for the third year straight and capture permanently the Arde Bulova Trophy. The next team, Bulova, earned 119½ points.

Because of their performance at New York, 19 Illinois athletes plus three former Gizz Kids won the right to go to Stoke Mandeville, England, under the direction of Mr. Clarke as U.S.A. Head Coach, to compete in the International Wheelchair Games. The U. S. Team, made up of 45 athletes from all over the country, captured the Golden Galleon for swimming, the only international team recognition given. They also took the Columbia Round Trophy for archery, and both "complete" and "incomplete" lesion team basketball titles, and the unofficial team title for the first time.

George Conn won four gold medals, three in swimming events, the fourth in basketball. Other team members also won their share. Jack Whitman collected two for winning the F.I.T.A. and Windsor Archery rounds. (His 888 score in the Windsor was just six points shy of the British National Archery record.) Others winning gold medals were: Bob Hawkes, swimming; Harry Stewart, lawn bowling and basketball; Carol Giesse, javelin; and Anne Graver, two in swimming events. Medals for playing on the



Bill Simmons hits one in student-staff game. Catcher is the only man not in a wheelchair.

winning basketball team were presented to Charles Dahncke, Chuck Donnel, Tom Jones, Dean Nosker, Paul Sones, Don Swift, Frank Vecera and Jack Chase. The Illinois representatives also won 48 other places in the games. The U.S.A. totalled 414½ points to Great Britain's 307½, Italy's 305, and Austria's 112. A total of 20 countries participated.

The U of I Rehabilitation Center also furnished Henry Bowman, Assistant Coach; Chuck Elmer, Head Trainer; Gibb Fink, Maintenance Manager; and Sue McMullin, Women's Assistant Coach.

At the end of this year's track and field season, Mr. Clarke gained another job typical of the administrative work the Recreation and Athletics section does. He was appointed Secretary of the National Wheelchair Athletic Committee and chairman of the track and field rules section. Membership on this committee and others, such as the Midwest Wheelchair Basketball Conference, keep both Mr. Clarke and his two half-time student secretaries hard at work. During the past year, Mrs. Louise Jones and Miss Carolyn Metzka were kept busy with the constant correspondence, typing of rules and minutes, and other clerical work this office is involved in.

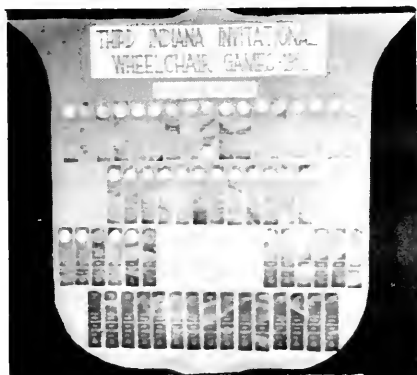
The Recreation and Athletic section has a bright spot in the future. The new Center will include a gym, swimming pool, and track and field facilities all in one area.



Class I swimming champ, Bob Hawkes, practices his breast stroke.



Croquet is a popular game for the energetic at the picnics.



Illinois' strength in the Indiana Invitational Wheelchair Games is shown by this display of medals.



Supervisor Clarke and secretary, Carolyn Metzka, check over some of the voluminous mail for the NWBA.



"Continuing in the same room, we find a long work counter with evidence of many on-going student projects. This area is used by the Rehabilitation Service Fraternity—

## *Delta Sigma Omicron"*

Leaving the Transportation Department, and going north our visitors see the bulletin board 8 feet long and 30 inches high titled in large letters with Delta Sigma Omicron. Beneath the organization title are the names of its various committee and publication groups and the people who work on them during the particular school year. It does not, however, tell the visitor how DSO started 14 years ago, how it has contributed over \$24,000 to charitable organizations, how it sponsored the first national invitational wheelchair basketball tournament, how it is still going, how it—but wait, we are getting ahead of ourselves; so let us go back to the phrase that became its motto. "To exercise our abilities to a maximum so as to minimize our disabilities that we may live most and serve best" is the motto that came out of the meeting on the Galesburg campus 14 years ago. This group of 13 people met feeling that rehabilitation should not only consist of satisfying physical therapy requirements, but also the social, recreation-

al, and service needs of the disabled. Working under the premise that the best rehabilitation therapy is "to serve others and not wait for others to serve them", the group, while filling the needs of its own members, extended its intentions beyond this realm to the service of all disabled people everywhere.

1949 was the year of many important incidents. DSO was incorporated as a non-profit organization, and in this capacity sponsored the first National Wheelchair Basketball Invitational Tournament. However, the importance of these events was dwarfed by the closing of the Galesburg division and the rehabilitation center's battle, with the government of Illinois, to be relocated at Champaign-Urbana. This fight was led by Don Swift—DSO president, Harold Scharper, and Tim Nugent and had the support of all DSO members. As a result of the determination of these people, the rehabilitation center, along with DSO, was relocated in its present building on the main campus of the



D.S.O. members pause from their many activities to pose for this group photo.

## University of Illinois.

During the first year at the new campus, wheelchair football and softball were added to the recreational program which then consisted of basketball and bowling. However, it was during this first year on the main campus that DSO and the rehabilitation program suffered heavy losses in the deaths of two loyal members, Theodore Lesley and Harold Scharper. In commemoration, DSO Incorporated established two memorials. The Theodore Lesley memorial fund gives practical help such as emergency loan of prosthetic devices to many people. The Harold Scharper service award is given annually to the student who has unselfishly devoted himself to DSO and others according to the principles of the program. The Harold Scharper achievement award, presented at the same time, is given to a graduate of the program who has accomplished outstanding professional, social, or scholastic achievement.

In September of 1949, the Hall-Hagler Post, of the Disabled American Veterans, Springfield, Illinois, invited DSO to an all day picnic on Lake Springfield. This has now become an annual affair that students look forward to as the last fling before the grind of classes begin. This year the good food, swimming, speed boating, and water skiing demonstrations were enhanced by the personal appearance of Governor Kerner who spent the day with the group because of his interest in the rehabilitation center and its activities.

1949 was the year that wheelchair square dancing came into being. This led to the formation of the Square Wheelers, a wheelchair square dancing group which has since accompanied the wheelchair basketball team on the tour between semesters and at many exhibitions throughout the year. Also in 1948, the first annual DSO banquet was held. In 1961, as in years past this banquet was sponsored and organized by DSO members for present members, alumni, parents and friends.

Although remarkable accomplishments were made in the first years, DSO has not been content to stop



The constitution seems to be amusing — Pres. Whitenack, Treas. Dixon, Advisor Fink and V. P. Mason.



Carol Giesse explains a proposed display to two members of the Public Relations Committee.



This address-o-graph was purchased with D.S.O. funds and aids the entire Center.



Frank Wojcehewicz, Spokesman editor, helps his production crew mail an issue.



Banquet chairman, Carolyn Metzka, and two of her committee discuss the '62 Banquet.



Nugent congratulates Mike Sachs, Lynda Koopman and Tom Linde for winning Scharper awards.

there. Each year it grows in size and scope. During the past year, it has done much for disabled students and others. In keeping with the purposes of the organization, DSO holds an orientation program in the fall for new disabled students. Members volunteer help in showing new students the location of ramps and elevators on campus, how to make out schedules and many other things which are confusing to newcomers. Alumni members of DSO sponsor a picnic the first Sunday the new students are on campus. Though very informal, it provides an excellent opportunity for all participants to meet one another and the Rehabilitation Center staff.

Among its activities last year, DSO members visited the Champaign County Nursing Home. The square dancing and group singing performed by the members was enthusiastically enjoyed by the aged residents of the home. Even the most reticent of residents responded and joined in the singing and visiting sessions.

Many members spoke at dinners and meetings of other organizations on campus to acquaint them with the purposes, achievements, and future plans of the organization. DSO president, 1960-61, Mike Sachs, worked many hours to promote better understanding of his group among sorori-



Ed Quinn, D.S.O. sponsored swimmer, poses with Giles Sullivan and the Golden Galleon Swim Trophy.

ties and fraternities on campus. Because of this, special efforts were made on the part of the sororities to help disabled girls rush.

DSO has financed many activities in connection with the Center. A new addressograph was purchased for use in the annex by members and staff. Funds were provided to launder and repair uniforms worn in the many athletic activities. They finance all costs for repair parts used in activity wheelchairs.

DSO helped to sponsor Ed Quinn, an Illinois swimmer, to the International Stoke-Mandeville Games in England. They paid for housing and meal costs for alumni who returned to campus for orientation and practice prior to leaving for their five week lecture-demonstration tour of South Africa. Money and effort were spent on a folding display board depicting the various aspects of the University of Illinois Rehabilitation Program. This display accompanied the South Africa group.

DSO is the official sponsor of the Illinois Gizz Kids wheelchair basketball team. This team's earnings permit DSO to donate considerable amounts each year to charitable organizations dedicated to aid the disabled. The remainder, earned by the team at its games and exhibitions,

is used to finance its many annual projects.

Perhaps the most widely known efforts of Delta Sigma Omicron are its publications. **The Spokesman** was produced once each month during the past year. Student articles, stories and cartoons combined with staff announcements, notices and a calendar of events make up this mimeographed newsletter. It was sent to all current students and local alumni. Special braille issues were transcribed by the U of I Transcribing Club for the blind students. Copies were also sent in exchange for the newsletters from many other similar organizations throughout the country.

**Sigma Signs** needs no explanation. Begun in 1950 each year the booklet has been improved and enlarged. It is presently requested by people throughout the world as a guide to what can be accomplished by the disabled.

The organization will continue to do the fine work it has done in the past and grow as the rehabilitation center grows, never losing sight of the motto with which it began—"to exercise our abilities to a maximum so as to minimize our disabilities that we may live most and serve best".



Orientation week tour plans are being discussed by Whitenack and members of his executive board.



D.S.O. members help motivate workers in the Community Workshop.



"Passing through a hallway, we enter an office bustling with widely varied activities in connection with students and other departments. This is——

## *Special Services and Occupational Therapy"*

In this hallway, we see more displays depicting the work and accomplishments of the Center and the students. The large, lighted display of pictures represents a cross-section of the various facets of this program. A wall plaque commemorates the honorary life members of DSO—people who have contributed much over the years to DSO and the Center. This hallway also houses the enclosed rest rooms and central heating plant, both innovations made in the remodeling of the Annex this year.

A continuation and widening of the corridor serves as the reception room for the department and office for Miss J. E. Little, secretary and alumnus of the program. Here, our visitor first notices the new all-metal furniture with which this end of the Annex has been furnished. On the wall are the monthly calendar, showing stu-

dent and DSO activities at a glance, and a bulletin board with a current display showing other materials of interest.

The familiar overhead sign in this room points to a smaller office and reads, Gilbert L. Fink, OTR, Supervisor of Special Services and Occupational Therapy. Mr. Fink, a registered Occupational Therapist with his master's degree in Recreation from the University of Illinois, served on the staff and as Supervisor of Occupational Therapy at Manteno State Hospital for two years before joining the staff full-time in September of 1961.

The supervisor's office, almost filled with the desk, has its walls decorated with various emblems, arm patches, and student art work. Doing art work for the Center is only one of



Wheelchair repair clinics give a chance to learn the mechanics of the chairs, keep it in good running order and exchange gossip.



scribes his work as occupational therapy and anything anyone else doesn't have time to do".

Mr. Fink does most of the adaptive device work for those students with specific functional problems. Electric shaver holders, custom wheelchair adaptations, writing devices, mouthsticks, built-up shoes, and toileting devices are just some of the articles repaired, designed and/or fabricated in this department. Again, the facilities of other departments on campus and local merchants must be used because of the deficiency of facilities in the present Center.

Special Services personnel work closely with Mr. Elmer in the fall functional training program for new students.

Another major duty of this department is working with DSO. The suite is filled several times a month with the DSO executive board. This group of officers act as the guiding force for the fraternity. In these meetings ideas for projects are conceived and planned, policies are decided, and the affairs of DSO are administrated. Mr. Fink acts as liaison between the students and the staff in matters of mutual concern.

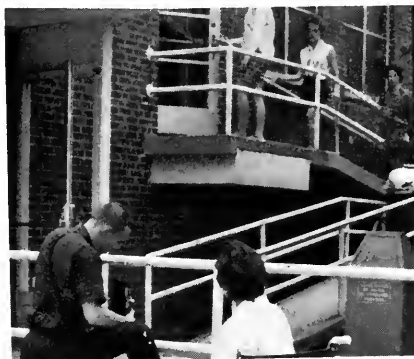
Special Services staff advise the DSO publications, **Sigma Signs** and **Spokesman**.

Regular **Sigma Signs** planning and working sessions are conducted by Lynda Koopman, editor-in-chief; with the assistance of Anderson McCullough, copy editor; Paul Ingle, business manager; Frank Wojcehowicz, advertising manager; Shiela Schuepbach, photo editor and a host of others listed on the staff page. Five thousand copies of this, the 13th Annual **Sigma Signs**, are being distributed throughout the world and present a comprehensive picture of the many facets of the University of Illinois rehabilitation program.

Another DSO publication, **Spokesman**, also has its beginning each month out of this section. **Spokesman**, a newsletter begun three years ago as a means of communication among the



A special display, showing the African trip, attracts the attention of students.



D. Bierman, professional photographer, lines up a publicity shot with help from Jan Little.



Glenn Hansen, owner of Rantoul Press, explains how **Sigma Signs** will be printed to the staff.



The Publications Committee gets a lesson in photo quality from photographer Bierman



The photo file is available for students and interested persons desiring illustrations



Checks the adjustment on an electric shaver adaption for Don Grazier, affected with Arthrogryposis.

student group which had grown in number and scattered from two living areas to many dormitories, independent houses, and other residences.

**Spokesman** is sent to persons interested in rehabilitation across the country as well as all local alumni and current SRC students, including the sight handicapped for whom braille copies are provided. This publication includes reports of DSO business and activities, accounts of athletic events, editorials, Rehabilitation Center staff announcements and staff biographies, feature articles and cartoons by students, wheelchair maintenance tips, calendar of events and other items of general interest. Sylvia Doherty, Greg Sherman and Frank Wojcehowicz have acted as editors this year and have developed the present format for **Spokesman**. They have been assisted by Grace Brown, copy editor; Linda Gould, production manager; Beverly White, braille transcription coordinator; and reporters Bob Arhelger, Paul Ingle, Bill Whitenack, Frank Wojcehowicz, Connie Joe Mason, Dan Murphy, Cathy Salemi, Mickey Steinhaus, Don Edwards, and others. Typists have been Carolyn Metzka, Lynda Koopman, and Mary Valteau.

Many other various duties add to the full schedule of this department.



Three students show visiting wheelchair basketball players the MRH mail boxes on a campus tour.

They arrange for disabled students to attend university functions on campus, such as Star Course, varsity sports events and other special programs. Because of policies governing certain buildings and safety regulations, many of these functions require special attention.

In working closely with other sections of the Center, Mr. Fink has constructed special side panels for game chairs, aided in cheerleading and square dancing, constructed signs for each department and repaired braille writers. In connection with **Sigma Signs**, special services has set up a photo darkroom, and instructs and assists with photography work for the Center. They also helped construct the display which traveled through South Africa and the Rhodesias with the U. S. Wheelchair athletic team, depicting the Illinois program. Working closely with Everest & Jennings wheelchair manufacturers, they test experimental parts such as vinyl coated hand-rims. Coordination of many events including the DSO Banquet and the recent tour of Africa is also done.

Similar to the other departments, Special Services encourages a variety of student initiated projects. For ex-

ample, this year Frank Wojcehowicz undertook a nationwide direct mail advertising campaign to help pay the production costs of Sigma Signs. This undertaking, worked in conjunction with a class assignment, illustrates the practical significance of many of the DSO projects.

Another practical project of this department is the "do-it-yourself" wheelchair prosthetic clinic held each month under the direction of Mr. Fink to familiarize students with the functions and mechanical aspects of the chair braces, crutches, etc. and how to keep them in good operating condition.

All of these activities take place in the three small rooms of the Special Services suite. The new Center will provide adequate space for these and more.

Finally our visitor is shown the last room in the suite, the special projects room. This room catches the overflow of projects, meetings and clerical work from the other two.



This display, financed and constructed by D.S.O. members, went to Africa to show our program.



Frank Wojcehowicz explains the Sigma Signs campaign to Assistant to the Director, J. F. Konitzki and others.



the orthopedically disabled,

## *Services For Blind and Deaf*

While in the special projects room, our visitor notes that most of the wall space is storage area for many volumes of braille and reels of magnetic tape. Upon inquiry, he finds that this room serves a second purpose—that of the Braille and Tape Library. One of only seventeen sets, the 145 volume **World Book Encyclopedia** was given to the Center in October of 1961 by the Library of Congress. The complete set occupies forty-eight feet of shelf space. **Websters Student Dictionary**, logarithmic and mathematics tables, foreign language dictionaries and parts of the Bible are found in another set of shelves. Still another wall is beginning to fill up with the tape library started by Dr. Thomas Rickard several years ago. Many of these tapes are now recorded by U of I wheelchair student volunteers.

Entering the north end of the Annex, we find Robert L. Watson, half-time Coordinator of Services for the

Blind and Deaf. Watson, blind since childhood, is now a law student at the U. of I. He and Mrs. S. M. Ethridge, secretary, share this room with State-Federal Agency Functions and Counseling Services. In keeping with the crowded conditions, Watson also shares a secretary with the counseling section.

During the school year 1961-62, this department served twenty-five visually impaired students. Many efforts are coordinated each semester on behalf of the Center's visually handicapped students. Thirteen of these use braille entirely for reading and writing purposes. The U of I Transcribing Club, organized in February of 1961, now has forty active women volunteers who have learned braille. Using either braille writing machines loaned by the Center, or their personal machines, this group does a tremendous service by transcribing text books, reference and other materials



Mr. Watson supervises a braille transcribing class in connection with his position at the Center.

into braille. This group also transcribes the D.S.O. monthly newsletter—the **Spokesman**—into braille. Mrs. Hugh G. Wales has served very capably with Rehabilitation Center staff in organizing this group of women. A series of classes are held each year to instruct new volunteers.

The reading service is another volunteer group who give time to aid blind students. The blind student and the volunteer reader are brought together by the Center and make their own arrangements for time and place of reading. These volunteers are often U of I students in the same classes as the blind student although many townspeople also are active in this service. Many locations are available around campus for reading sessions including several converted rooms in the main library, and residence halls and religious foundation study rooms.

Like many other students, these students are sports enthusiasts—both as spectators and participants. Bill Lustfield served as student manager for the Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball team this year. He and others have also participated in University wrestling, bowling, swimming and regular physical education courses.

Visually impaired and deaf students also took their share of campus activity and scholastic honors. Margaret Schmidt, former secretary of the Women's Group System—a campus wide organization, was elected to Delta Alpha Phi, National German Honorary and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. Ann Kauffman was elected to Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Girls' Honorary. Judy Pachciarz, totally deaf since birth, was elected to Torch, sophomore women's activities honorary. Judy was also instrumental in the "Snoot Boot" rage at Illinois.

The most important part of the Rehabilitation Program is integration—encouraging the student into the world of everyday living. Here the blind or deaf student is assisted when assistance is needed but stands independently most of the time. He learns confidence and self-reliance. As a college student unexcused, unhampered, he becomes a part of the world in which he must live.



Student Bev White shows one of the braille transcribers an important point in the **Spokesman**.



Mr. Watson demonstrates the use of braille writer to Anna Kauffman.



A volunteer reader reads an assignment while the sight handicapped student takes braille notes.



"Completing our tour, we come to the departments which add to the services available to the students by providing academic, vocational and financial counseling.

## *Federal-State Agency Functions & Counseling*

### **Federal-State Agency Functions**

Continuing north, one of the first persons we see is Miss Dorothy Cromwell, who shares this reception area-office space with Mr. Watson and the secretary to the three academic counselors. She serves as receptionist and secretary for the State-Federal Agency Functions' Coordinator, Eden Nicholas, whose small office is just off the main room.

Mr. Nicholas and Miss Cromwell coordinate aid to disabled students through the state divisions of vocational rehabilitation. Though both are employed by Illinois DVR, they assist out of state students as well. This is accomplished by working with regional and district DVR counselors to assist eligible students to secure financial sponsorship for tuition and fees, housing, books and supplies, orthopedic equipment and medical services. Also, Mr. Nicholas maintains close working relationships with the university business offices in order

to help students untangle the sometimes confusing financial requirements of the university. During the hectic registration time, disabled students supervised by Miss Cromwell, make services more efficient by aiding newcomers in filling out their necessary DVR book and supply procurement forms.

### **Counseling Services**

A student coming to the center for educational, vocational or personal counseling will first make an appointment with Mrs. S. M. Etheridge, secretary for counseling services. Supervisor of Counseling, James Flynn, graduate assistant F. D. Maglione, and graduate intern Ruth Webb are all prepared to assist the student with his problem.

The goals of counseling in a university setting are multiple. The student is not told what to do but rather helped to work out his own solution. This is done in several ways. In con-



Miss D. Cromwell, left foreground, supervises the filling out of DVR book procurement forms at registration time.

fidential interviews and testing the student is helped to better understand his situation and himself. Educational, vocational and personal information is also readily available to the counselee to help him resolve his problem.

Before entering the university, a student takes a battery of tests consisting of the Strong Vocational Interest Inventory, Edwards Personal Preference Schedule, and the School and College Ability Test to give him some understanding of his interests, preferences and abilities. Later, after attending the university for about a year, he retakes these tests and others for self-evaluation and the gaining of further insight into his vocational preparation. Through counselor-student interviews, educational and vocational information obtained from the counselor and interpretations of the tests, a well-rounded university program is developed focusing on the student's interests, abilities and vocational goals with emphasis on the individuality of the student.

Another service of this department is the monitoring of academic exams. For the student with mechanical difficulties in test taking, the exams are sent to the Center where they are administered in the special testing room. It is equipped with a window opening into the counselor's office, sound proof walls and an adapted electric typewriter to aid those who have difficulties with handwriting. The counseling staff times the student and gives general supervision. The completed test is then returned to the instructor to be graded with the exams of the rest of the class. The counseling services confirms educational—vocational objectives to sponsoring federal and state agencies.

The counseling department was without a supervisor for most of the year because Thomas E. Rickard, Ph. D., who was appointed supervisor January 1, 1962 died suddenly January 11 as a result of unsuspected monocytic leukemia. Dr. Rickard had been part-time staff member with the Center for two and a half years as Coordinator of Services for the Blind and Deaf. In that time he did much for the Center. Among his contributions were the inauguration of a tape library for the blind and organized



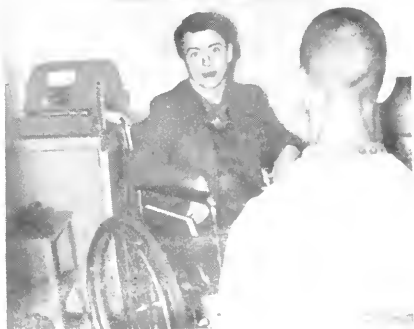
"It's all yours" . . . DVR Coordinator turns a wheelchair, purchased by DVR, over to student Pat Lavite.



F. D. Maglione, grad assistant in counseling scores some of the many tests given by this section.



Mrs. S. M. Etheridge checks out a brailier while a student waits to make an appointment.



A specially equipped typewriter in special testing room aids Bob Arhelger, a cerebral palsied student.



Ruth Webb, graduate intern, counsels a student during an interview session.



Coordinator Nicholas explains a student's needs to DVR Regional Supervisor Bernard Benoit.

braille transcription classes. A trust fund under Dr. Rickard's name has been established with the University of Illinois Foundation. This fund, made up of contributions from his friends, will be used for a braille library in the new Center.

The new Center will also allow adequate testing space, conference rooms, and counseling facilities. This year the two graduate assistants took turns with the testing room, used the braille library or borrowed a momentarily unused office to counsel one of their clients.

All three counselors in this section are currently working on their doctoral degrees in counseling at the university. Mr. Flynn earned his M. Ed. degree from the U of I in 1961 and was Director of Guidance in the Mahomet-Seymour school system prior to his joining the Center's staff. He is now completing his doctorate degree. Counseling Services personnel, like the other members of the Rehabilitation Center staff, work with other departments to further the growth of the students in a university setting. While Recreation and Athletics show the win-loss record, Special Services produce a handful of publications and Therapy displays physical skills gained by students as a measure of their accomplishment for the year, the counseling department looks upon the following list of students obtaining a grade point average of B or above as just one of the manifestations of success in this program in which they aid the student.



Supervisor J. D. Flynn shows a student how to find vocational information in one of his many sources.



## *Four Point and Above Students*

Adell, Patrick		Joyce, Thomas	
Ager, David	2	Kauffman, Anna	2
Allen, Cynthia	2	Kerkhoff, Larry	2
Arhelger, Robert	2	Khoshbaf, Farshi	
Atkinson, R. Henry	2	Koopman, Lynda	2
Bezman, Victor		Kortness, Gerald	
Boudreau, Eva	2	Krumrey, Donald	2
Bredek, Roger	2	Lavite, J. Patrick	
Brewster, Ellen		Larimore, Ronald	
Brown, Grace		Lewis, Clarence	2
Caputo, Vincent		Little, Jan	
Cowgill, Marvin		McCullough, Anderson	2
Cutler, Janet	2	Miller, Marolyn	2
Dixon, David		Nolte, Gerald	2
Dagis, Randall	2	Norton, William	
Donnel, Charles		Phillips, Marilyn	
Duarte, Luis		Potter, David	
Dunn, Marilyn	2	Richetelle, Alberta	
Ellis, Linda		Rickard, Thomas	
Fox, Donald		Roberts, Velma	
Frank, Rudy		Robison, John	2
Garratt, Frank		Roche, Harry	2
Gassmann, Richard		Rovick, Harriet	
Genskow, Jack	2	Ryan, Robert	2
Giesse, Carol		Sachs, Michael	2
Griffin, Patricia	2	Schmidt, Margaret	
Groninger, Lowell	2	Sones, Paul	
Hediger, Marcia		Viste, Kenneth	2
Hendricks, John		Voy, Phyllis	2
Hill, G. Lowell		Webb, Ruth	2
Holbaugh, Dennis		Whitenack, William	
Holmes, Janece (nee, Burke)	2	Whitman, Charles	
Howlett, Ellen	2	Woltzen, Joan	
Ingle, Paul		Yackel, Adolph	2
Irving, Melvin		Yashko, Carolyn	
		Zierdt, Conrad	

2—indicates 4 point or above for both academic semesters.

\* The University of Illinois uses a 5 point grading system, 4 points equal a "B" average.

# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

SEPT. 5, 1961, CHAMPAIGN -- Eight new disabled students arrived at the U of I Campus today, one week in advance of the orientation period held for all new rehabilitation center students. They have even more of a challenge than the others for they are the functional trainees who, under the direction of Supervisor of Physical Therapy, Charles D. Elmer, must prove they can independently achieve the many activities of daily living necessary to participate in school and campus activities.



SEPT. 10, 1961, CHAMPAIGN -- Hessel Park Champaign, was alive with horse shoes, baseball, tennis, croquet and other assorted games as the Alums of the Rehabilitation program sponsored a picnic to acquaint the incoming students with current and former students and staff members. The newcomers also had opportunity to see some

wheelchair sports in action. For many, this was their first.

SEPT. 16, 1961, CHAMPAIGN -- Monday marked the beginning of the annual hectic orientation week for incoming disabled students. The majority of their time was spent queued up in Latzer Hall or at the Center, filling out forms, taking placement tests, applying for elevator keys, parking permits, Athletic Association cards and registering for physical therapy. In between these activities, the director of the Center, Prof. T. J. Nugent, spoke to them about the history of the program, campus life, and how to use their daylight hours. In the evenings, when they had energy left, they attended meetings with the Deans of Men and Women, Presidential receptions and informal get-togethers. Later in the week, older students took the greenhorns on tours of the campus to show them where elevators, ramps and classrooms are located.



SEPT. 17, 1961, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. -- Governor Otto Kerner made a hit with disabled students and alumni of the U of I Rehabilitation Program at Lake Springfield with his informal manner and jovial participation in the 14th annual picnic given by DAV Hall-Hagler Post #15 of Springfield for the U of I group. Kerner joked with the stu-

dents and alums, served potato salad and joined in the general festivities.

In an opening speech to the group, Kerner stated that he was particularly pleased to join the group on this occasion. He said he had reason on prior occasions to acquaint himself with this program, but the picnic provided the incentive to obtain more recent, authoritative material and to re-evaluate his knowledge from a governor's point of view. He cited the U

of I program as "one of its (the University's) major and most accomplished programs." He told the picnickers that "No one with the outlook and inspiration you possess is handicapped."



Boat rides, a water ski show and an opportunity to see the Club House grounds from the Springfield Fire Department's Snorkel Unit pro-

vided some of the entertainment for the students. Others simply relaxed between meals, played cards or listened to the Springfield barber shop quartet which performed.

The final fling before classes, as usual, became even bigger and better this year.

SEPT. 18, 1961, URBANA -- 23,059 students, 170 of them disabled, began classes for the first semester of the 1961-62 school year.



SEPT. 30, 1961, URBANA -- the Golds beat the Blues 34-12, in the opener of the wheelchair gridiron season at the U of I Armory.

OCT. 7, 1961, URBANA -- the Golds, continuing their early season winning streak, whipped the Whites 35-2. The Whites were showing some inexperience in this game.

OCT. 11, 1961, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN -- Prof. T. J. Nugent, director of the U of I Rehabilitation Center, will address the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Swedish National Central Committee on Rehabilitation. Nugent was awarded the first Patrik Haglund Lectureship, to be given every five years to an outstanding expert in Rehabilitation. He will speak to experts from 30 countries and will return to the United States on October 18.

OCT. 14, 1961, URBANA -- the Blues recovered from their defeat at the hands of the Golds to win over the Whites, 25-19.

OCT. 19, 1961, URBANA -- WILL-TV University educational station, filmed a half hour show on the Center. This was only one in a series of publicity pieces done at Illinois this fall. PARADE, a nation-wide Sunday supplement, ran a two page picture story. Other articles, including Sheila Wolfe, Chicago Tribune; Mary Ann Maguire, Champaign Courier; and several other newspaper articles were written this fall.

OCT. 21, 1961, URBANA -- The Golds again cleaned the Whites. The score in their second meeting was 25-12.

OCT. 28, 1961, URBANA -- The Whites broke their losing streak by beating the Blues 19-18.



OCT. 31, 1961, WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The American Standards Association today approved recommendations designed to make buildings accessible to the physically disabled based on research conducted by T. J. Nugent at the University of Illinois. These specifications will now be added to those standards previously adopted by this

group to standardize and strengthen building requirements throughout the nation.

OCT. 31, 1961, URBANA -- DSO held a Halloween Party for members and friends. Marcia Mendelson, with the DSO Social Committee, planned many relays and refreshments enjoyed by the participants.

NOV. 4, 1961, URBANA -- DSO Annual Awards Banquet again was the highlight of the first semester as alumni, parents and friends came to Champaign-Urbana for the weekend. Saturday morning, the Alums showed the All-Stars that they still knew how to play football as they earned 14 points in the last 3 minutes to win 26-14. Many of the guests watched Purdue beat the Fighting Illini at a Big 10 game in the afternoon.

Culminating event of the weekend was the Annual Awards Banquet held in the Illini Union Ballroom. Features of this year's banquet were the awarding of Honorary Life Memberships to Dr. E. C. Cline, Dr. C. H. Patterson, C. S. Bruggeman, E. B. Linde, S. Johnston, E. V. Dexter and Mrs. H. G. Wales. The Harold Scharper Achievement Award this year was presented to Dr. Thomas Linde, now clinical psychologist with the Jewish Vocational Service in Milwaukee, Wis. Harold Scharper Service Awards were presented to two people: Lynda Koopman and Michael Sachs, both very active in DSO activities since coming to the U of I.

NOV. 7, 1961, URBANA -- Gizz Kids Varsity Cheerleaders Barbara Gilby (captain), Linda Williams, Bonnie Ferneau, Carolyn Metzka and Sharon Easley were chosen for this year. The judging board, composed of Dr. A. C. Moore, assistant dean of Physical Education; Dr. Echo D. Pepper, chaperone for the cheerleaders; and several Illini Varsity cheerleaders, also chose alternates Carol Giesse, Mary Hayes, Cathy Salemi, and Mary Valteau after judging the competitive try-out session for the Gizz Kid wheelchair women.

NOV. 11, 1961, URBANA -- The Golds crushed the Blue's hopes for the championship by winning 26-20 in the game which both teams entered with a 2-1 record for the season.

NOV. 14, 1961, URBANA -- An all-out effort on the part of Panhellenic and DSO officers was made to encourage disabled girls to rush during the informal rush period. Many DSO members visited sororities and fraternities to hold

discussions about the Rehabilitation program and the physically disabled students on campus.

DEC. 2, 1961, LEROY, ILL. -- Illinois Gizz Kids opened their 1961-62 basketball season with a 57-27 victory over the Denver (Colo.) Rolling Cowboys.

DEC. 9, 1961, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The Gizz Kids beat the Midwestern Conference Chicago Sidewinders 32-27.

DEC. 10, 1961, CHAMPAIGN -- Linda Ellis, Rehabilitation Center student, sang with the University Chorus at the School of Music annual Christmas Carol concert.

DEC. 15, 1961, CHAMPAIGN -- A Rehabilitation Open House was held for students, University staff members and interested persons as the annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Center's staff.

DEC. 20, 1961, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. -- Final approval of the Expansion and Improvement Grant was received from the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation today. Funds from this grant will allow the remodeling of one end of the Annex and provide salaries for several additional professional and clerical staff members.

DEC. 18, 1961, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The Champaign-Urbana Black Knights, composed mostly of graduated Gizz Kids, beat the Gizz Kids 30-19.

DEC. 19, 1961, URBANA -- Four DSO students were chosen in two days of secret balloting in the Rehabilitation Center Annex. Elected to serve as officers for the 1961-62 year were Bill Whitenack, president; Connie Joe Mason, vice-president; Dave Dixon, treasurer and Sylvia Doherty, secretary.

JAN. 6, 1962, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The Gizz Kids evened the basketball standings with the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights by beating them 32-25.

JAN. 26, 1962, URBANA -- Final exams in all academic courses were given during the past eight days. Extra curricular activities lulled while students were giving their best efforts to attaining high grade point averages.

JAN. 26, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- The Illinois Gizz Kids wheelchair basketball team, with Coach Casey Clarke, several managers, repairman, and other travelling personnel, left Champaign for their annual between-semester tour of the Midwest.

The games on this tour, like all exhibitions throughout the season, were sponsored by service clubs including: the Jaycees in Paxton, LeRoy, Gibson City and Rantoul, Illinois and Atlantic, Iowa; the Optimists in Rockford and Rock Falls, Ill.; Lions Club, Kankakee, Ill.; Hopes Unlimited, Decatur, Ill.; Illinois State Normal University Physical Education Club, Normal, Ill.

JAN. 27, 1962, HARVEY, ILL. -- In the first conference game of the tour, Illinois again beat Chicago 46-38.

FEB. 3, 1962, ST. JOSEPH, MO. -- Still continuing westward on their tour, Illinois won over the St. Joe Pony Express Riders, 55-22.

JAN. 30, 1962, ATLANTIC, IOWA -- The team's progress to Denver was halted by a bus breakdown. The "Kids" made good use of their time by playing an exhibition in Atlantic, practicing bowling and exploring Atlantic, but the most vivid memories are of the 3rd floor hotel rooms -- without an elevator.

FEB. 2, 1962, WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Approval of a Federal Grant under the Hill-Burton Act, made the realization of a new Rehabilitation Center building a large step closer.

FEB. 4, 1962, KANSAS CITY, KANS. -- The Gizz Kids, showing an unexpected burst of power, beat the league leading Kansas City Pioneers 38-31.

FEB. 5, 1962, O'FALLON, ILL. -- The Gizz Kids, tiring from the extensive tour, suffer defeat at the hands of the St. Louis Rams, 30-25.

FEB. 8, 1962, URBANA -- The beginning of second semester brought students back to the books -- with many of them counting the days 'til Easter vacation.

FEB. 24, 1962, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The Gizz Kids were beaten by Kansas City 42-37 as the Pioneers gained revenge for their only loss of the season.

FEB. 25, 1962, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The Gizz Kids again beat the Pony Express Riders from St. Joseph, Mo., this time 34-17.

MARCH 1, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- The long process of remodeling the Annex to include offices for Special Services and Occupational Therapy, Services for the Blind and Deaf, State-Federal Agency Functions and Counseling were finally completed. Several pieces of new furniture have already arrived, and more are expected soon.

MARCH 2, 1962, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. -- The Gizz Kids beat the Goodwill Highlanders 56-51.

MARCH 3, 1962, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. -- The Gizz Kids had a break in their 2 game winning streak and lost to the Crossroads Olympians, 39-26.

MARCH 4, 1962, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. -- Illinois beat the Goodwill Highlanders for the second time in three days, 46-35.

MARCH 10, 1962, RANTOUL, ILL. -- In the season's last game, the Gizz Kids beat the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights 32-28.



MARCH 28-31, RANTOUL, ILL. -- The ten top wheelchair basketball teams in the U. S. arrived at Chanute, each with high hopes for the National Title. Each team represented the best from four of the five regional conferences and 45 teams across the nation. For the first time this year, each team played at least two games in the double elimination tournament before being eliminated. The Gizz Kids won their first game over St. Petersburg, Florida, but then lost to Long Beach, California.



The highlight of the tournament was the victory banquet held Saturday night at Club Chandelie, the NCO Club on the base. Tom Joyce of the Gizz Kids was elected to the second team All-American. First team All-American included Bud Rumble, Indianapolis Crossroads; Bill Johnson, John Cheves and Earl Gerard of Long Beach Flying Wheels; and



Henry Clay, Richmond, Chairoteers (Va.). Another Richmond player, Carl Cash, was awarded the James S. Ure Award for Sportsmanship.

APRIL 3, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- The elderly residents of the Champaign County Nursing Home were entertained with square dancing, group singing and chair handling skills as DSO members held an evening of fun for the oldsters. So amazed were the residents by the DSO members' skill, enthusiasm and genuine interest, that many of them, normally reticent, joined in the fun.

APRIL 5, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- Ed Elsner, disabled freshman, sang with the Men's Glee Club for the Spring Alumni Concert.

APRIL 12, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- Ken Viste, junior in pre-medicine, photo editor for the Daily Illini (campus newspaper) and member of the Student Senate, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, nation-wide scholastic honorary. This honor added to Ken's already long list which includes Sachem, activity honorary; Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honorary; and Omega Beta Pi, per-med honorary.

MAY 1, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- Judy Pachciarz, totally nerve deaf since birth, made the news again by being elected to Torch, junior women's activity honorary. Each spring, Judy seems to collect another honorary -- and no wonder. Besides keeping a better than average grade point, she is woman sport reporter for the Daily Illini, active in several campus-wide activities and an active member of Busey Hall.

MAY 4, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- Classes were dismissed this afternoon for the University Honors Day Convocation. Outstanding students--including many from the Rehabilitation Center--were honored.

MAY 5, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- Prof. T. J. Nugent and student, Paul Ingle, taped a broadcast for the Voice of America concerning the program for rebroadcast behind the Iron Curtain at a later date.

MAY 18, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- For the second or third time in the history of the University of Illinois drama department -- no one is quite certain -- the University drama workshop read a play by an author who was still a

student here. The author was Anderson McCullough, senior in English, former Illinois Gizz Kids basketball and track and field star and U. S. team member to Rome, Italy for the 1960 Paralympics.

MAY 19, 1962, CHAMPAIGN -- The last fling before spring finals began with the DSO annual spring picnic. Student participants played baseball -- taking their grudges out on staff members playing in wheelchairs -- volleyball, croquet, tennis and other sports. But the highlights of the afternoon was the first public performance of the girl's track and field team.

MAY 20, 1962, OAK BROOK, ILL. -- Dan Kotter, promising young archer for the Illinois Gizz Kids, won second place, Class B, against all able bodied competition, to join with Jack Whitman in showing Illinois that a wheelchair and a disability make no difference in archery.

MAY 26-27, 1962, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. -- In the first real track and field meet of the season, Illinois took 17 firsts out of 24 events which, along with 13 seconds and numerous third, fourth and fifth places, made Illinois the undisputed victor for the third straight year of the Indiana Invitational Track and Field meet.

JUNE 15-17, 1962, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. -- Forty five Illinois wheelchair athletes entered the National Wheelchair Games at Bulova Park, Flushing. Naturally,



they had the usual bus breakdown on the way, but they arrived on time and took the Games by storm to win their third straight title and earn permanent possession of the Arde Bulova Trophy.

Adding to the total Illinois points were gold medal winners Conny Joe Mason, bowling; Paul Ingle, Class I freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke; Bob Hawkes, Class I freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke; George Conn, Class II freestyle and breaststroke; Otis Griffin, Class II javelin; Don Edwards, Class III javelin; Charles Donnel, National Wheelchair Archery Round; Dan Kotter, Columbia Archery Round; Jack Whitman, American Archery Round; and Alberta Richetelle, discus. Most of these were new records.

JUNE 18, 1962 -- IDLEWILD INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL -- An Alitalia DC-8 jet bound for Johannesburg, South Africa via London, Rome, Athens, Nairobi, Salisbury, took off from Idlewild at 9:30 p.m. Among the passengers were 26 who had a specific mission in southern Africa. They were 17 wheelchair athletes -- 13 of them graduates of the U of I -- and eight able bodied team members acting as coaches, officials, reporters and equipment and team carriers. They were heading for a month in South Africa and the Federation of the Rhodesias to demonstrate what paraplegics can do if given the opportunity.



The tour came into existence in the late winter and early spring of 1962 when Tom C. Knowles, paraplegic ex-RAF pilot, came to Prof. Nugent and asked him to choose 14 men and 4 women whom he felt were not only accomplished athletes but also achieved in their professional and social endeavors. Knowles felt that many disabled in

South Africa were "rotting away in their wheelchairs". He wanted something to jar the South African people to the realization that the disabled can do many things and lead an active life. To accomplish this, Knowles chose wheelchair athletics -- just as many rehabilitation experts in the U. S. have done.

So the team members were chosen: Carl Cash, Labor Market Analyst, Richmond, Va.; George Conn, Alumni Services Field Secretary, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. (U of I Alum); Charles Dahncke, Social Security Claims Adjuster, Danville, Ill. (U of I); Rev. Jack Chase, pastor for a Four Square Church in St. Maries, Idaho, (U of I); Wallace Frost, school teacher, Artesia, Calif.; Robert Hawkes, graduate student, (U of I); Mrs. Louise Jones, secretary and housewife, Champaign; Tom Jones, TV sportscaster and writer, Champaign, (U of I); Fritz Krauth, accountant, Long Beach, Calif.; Jan Little, graduate student, secretary, Urbana, (U of I); Richard Maduro, city clerk and treasurer, Madeira Beach, Fla.; Dean Nosker, assistant editor, college of agriculture, Champaign, (U of I); Harry Stewart, law student, Champaign (U of I); Paul Sones, graduate student, MIT, Boston, Mass. (U of I); Don Swift, Non-academic personnel placement officer, Champaign, (U of I); Frank Vecera, commercial artist, Los Angeles, Calif. (U of I); and Donna Weisinger, secretary, Chicago, (U of I).

The accompanying members were: Charles Elmer, Supervisor of Physical Therapy and Gilbert Fink, Supervisor of Special Services and Occupational Therapy, both U of I Rehabilitation Center; M/Sgt. Robert Wright, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul; Paul Luedtke, co-owner, Carter Mayflower Moving, Champaign; Charles Ryder, Physical Education Teacher, Elmont, L.I., New York; James Nugent, free lance journalist, Los Angeles, Calif.; Roger Ebert, reporter, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette; and Dr. Echo Pepper, mathematics professor, U of I.

The pace kept up by the team amazed the South Africans -- and some of the team.



Although the schedule varied, early morning would usually find the team climbing into compact station wagons to see some of the sights before the inevitable 11 a.m. tea with the mayor or other civic groups. Then came the rush to get from tea to lunch. This event too, was often attended by various civic officials. In the

afternoon, the team, stuffed with South African food, would give an exhibition. Few people in either of these countries have ever seen basketball, square dancing or cheerleading. Each exhibition would start then, with general explanation of these activities. The basketball game, complete with cheerleading and a play-by-play description, was often played on turf, packed sand, clay, macadam or grassy fields. At half-time, square dancing and wheelchair handling skills such as balancing and stair climbing were demonstrated. After the basketball game, football, or "American Rugby" was played. Track and field events and archery usually finished the exhibition. Most swimming



exhibitions and archery were in the form of competition between team members and local athletes. Evening activities varied. Sometimes there were more exhibitions, sometimes receptions and parties, sometimes a combination of all. At times there were as many as three exhibitions in as many towns on the same day.

In their spare time, the members of the team, individually or in groups, visited hospitals. There they demonstrated chair handling skills, talked to patients and told the professional personnel about rehabilitation in the U. S.



Despite the crowded schedule, much of the superb South African and Rhodesian scenery was enjoyed by the team. The Durban July Handicap

(the Kentucky Derby of South Africa), Rugby matches, Native Dances, Victoria Falls, copper mines, gold mines, Wanke Game Park, botanical gardens -- were events or spots of interest which helped to fill the already overflowing schedule.

The response of the people to this team was overwhelming. After exhibitions, the able bodied members of the team often had to help the athletes get away from the autograph hunters and well-wishers. Team members were overwhelmed by their hosts in each city. Towns and civic groups vied with one another to show the team a better time than the previous town. In all 17 towns visited, the team was overcome with hospitality. Various results illustrated the teams success. During the stay of the team in the two countries, 57 E & J wheelchairs, such as the team used, were ordered by disabled people who had seen the exhibitions. Rhodesia added new emphasis to the development of a large rehabilitation program. Many professional people dealing with rehabilitation, began to think in terms of wheelchair athletics as a means to help rehabilitate the disabled. Newspapers in both countries referred to the team as wheelchair ambassadors working through sports to further international relations. For both the team members and their South African hosts, the experience was memorable and exciting and added to the education and understanding of all concerned.

JULY 25-29, 1962, AYLESBURY, ENGLAND -- The U. S. Team took the unofficial team title in the International Wheelchair Games for the first time. Athletes from the U of I played a most significant role in helping the U. S. team.

AUGUST 25-26, 1962, OAK BROOK, ILL. -- Dan Kotter and Jack Whitman again proved their ability in archery, Dan, winning Class B and Jack winning third in AA. Whitman's score places him in the nation's ten top archer's division.

# Graduates

- David Ager  
Baltimore, Maryland  
B.S. Accounting
- Richard Henry Atkinson  
Joliet, Illinois  
M.S. Civil Engineering
- Eva Boudreau  
Kankakee, Illinois  
B.S. Secretarial Training
- Roger Bredek  
Kenosha, Wisconsin  
B.S. Electrical Engineering
- Vincent Caputo  
Chicago, Illinois  
B.S. Education
- H. Dale Carlson  
Oberon, North Dakota  
B.S. Accounting
- Donald Doney  
Quincy, Illinois  
B.A. Architecture
- Gary N. Ervin  
Cape Girardeau  
B.S. Accounting
- Richard Gassmann  
Norwalk, Ohio  
B.S., LAS Economics
- Jack Genskow  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
M. A. Education
- Patricia A. Griffin  
Clover, South Carolina  
M.Ed., Rehabilitation Counseling
- Bette Jane Henlein  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
B. S., LAS English
- George Lowell Hill  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
B.S., LAS Economics
- Thomas A. Joyce  
Savannah, Georgia  
B.A., LAS Sociology
- Patricia Kern  
Urbana, Illinois  
B.A., LAS Political Science
- Lynda Koopman  
Chester, Illinois  
B.S., LAS Mathematics
- Clarence Lewis  
Broadview, Illinois  
M. Ed., Rehabilitation Counseling
- James Lossau  
Oak Park, Illinois  
B.S., LAS Psychology
- Anderson T. McCullough  
Waukegan, Illinois  
B.A., LAS English & Rhetoric
- Joyce McCurley  
Missouri Valley, Iowa  
B. S., LAS Speech Correction
- Daniel Nellis  
Chicago, Illinois  
B.S., LAS Political Science
- John Pushkash  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
B. S. Radio-TV
- Thomas Rickard  
Champaign, Illinois  
Ph.D., Psychology & Rehabilitation Counseling
- Harriet Rovick  
Chicago, Illinois  
B.A., LAS English
- Michael M. Sachs  
Huntington Woods, Michigan  
B.S. Accounting
- Margaret Carter Schmidt  
Danville, Illinois  
B.S., LAS Teacher Training, German
- Edmund Schmulbach  
E. St. Louis, Illinois  
B.S. Physical Education
- Hugh Soebbing  
Quincy, Illinois  
M.A., Music Education
- John William Stewart  
Rantoul, Illinois  
B.S., Personnel Management
- Paul D. Sones  
Montgomery, Pa.  
B.S., Aeronautical Engineering
- Joseph Tanny  
Chicago, Illinois  
B. S. Ceramic Engineering
- Donna M. Weisinger  
Fowler, Illinois  
B.S., Secretarial Training
- Charles Whitman  
Kankakee, Illinois  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering

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... **CAMPUS RELIGIOUS WORKERS** for sponsoring Rehabilitation Center bus transportation to church on Sunday for our students.

... **MARMON-HERRINGTON, INC.** for the loan of a Marmon-Herrington Model 800 Diesel Bus for both the between semester basketball tour and the track and field team's trip to New York for the National Games.

... **DALE DILLINGHAM** for donating upholstery materials for use in Occupational and Physical Therapy projects.

... **DON BIERMAN** for photo coverage of sports and other events during the past year.

... **MRS. HUGH G. WALES** for continuing work in braille transcription and special efforts at the time of Dr. Thomas Rickard's death.

... **HALL-HAGLER, POST NO. 15, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS,** of Springfield, Ill., for another fine outing at Lake Springfield for our students and alumni.

... **GILES SULLIVAN & SULLIVAN CHEVROLET** for continued financial support of the athletic program making more competition possible for the track and field team.

... **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION** for contributions including the purchase of new track and field uniforms, electric typewriters for spastics

... **AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 24** for the annual awards banquet they sponsor for the Illinois Gizz Kids and the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights. and other needed articles.

# Alumni Briefs

Alumni Briefs are back! As you have seen by reading this issue, the pace around here is increasing tremendously, and sometimes things just don't get done. Such was the fate of Alumni Briefs—1961.

Many changes have taken place in the lives of our alums during the past years. Beside marriages, children and changes in employment, thirteen of our alums were selected to go on a seven week demonstration tour of South Africa, the Rhodesias and England this past summer. In a way, this illustrates what we've been saying for years — our alumni are our greatest pride and best proof of the program's worth.

**WILLIAM R. ACHESON** — is again working on the staff of Bachman & Bertram architects in Hammond, Ind. after taking a short leave for advanced study at Illinois. **LLOYD ACKLAND** — has left his job as a grain elevator manager with the Federal North Iowa Grain Co. in Webb, Iowa and is now farming with his father in West Brooklyn, Ill. **JOAN (NEE JOHNSON) ADAMS** — with husband and daughter, Rebecca, has moved from Eugene, Oregon to Las Vegas, Nevada. **DAVID AGER** — is working as an accountant in the Health, Education and Welfare Department in Baltimore, Md. **MRS. MARGARET ALLISON** — has moved to Cherryvale, Kansas where she is working as the librarian in the public schools and the high school in Holton, Kansas. **ANITA ALTER** — is a secretary and file clerk for the Propriety Service and Investment Corporation in Fort Wayne, Ind. **ROBERT ARNOLD** — we hear via the grapevine has married and is working in Oak's Manufacturing Company, Crystal Lake, Ill. **JOHN AUBY** — wife Barbara, and three children, Richard, Sandra and William, are still enjoying life in LaCrosse, Wis. where John is a draftsman at the Trane Company. **ROGER D. BATES** — is presently living in Danville, Ill. where he is teaching in the Danville Public School System. **DONNA (NEE NOWACK) BENWAY** — is a teacher at Washington High School in Washington, Ill. Donna and her husband, James, have a son, Daniel Edward. **GLEN & SYLVIA (NEE DEAN) BELLOWS** — are living in Champaign, Ill. where Glen works for Brown, Manthei, Davis and Mullens as a mechanical engineer. The Bellows own their own home in Champaign and are the parents of a daughter, Alice. **MARVIN L. BER-**

**RON** — is doing well. He is still the treasurer for Concord Counselors, Inc., an organization which he helped to found. Shirley and Marv now have four children, making it two boys and two girls. **RAYNOLD P. BERTRAND** — is now a professor of Management of Secretarial Sciences at Southern Illinois University. **LESTER D. BLANKENSHIP** — continues to act as Chief of Rehabilitation Services, Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Springfield, Illinois. He has been absent from work for some time now because of illness but hopes to return to his office early in '63. Les and JoAnne and their children, Berni and Sona DeAnne, are now living near Lake Springfield. **DR. JAMES BOEN** — and his wife Dorothy have gone west. They left Chicago and now live in Mountain View, Calif. where Jim is a Post-doctoral Fellow in Statistics at Stanford University. **MARY BRAMER** — is teaching reading in the Elgin Public School System and English in the Junior High School in Elgin, Ill. **SUE BRENIFF** — is working as a proofreader for the Superior Typesetting Company in Toledo, Ohio. **WAYNE "GIG" BROEREN** — and his wife, "Cece", still live in Champaign with their family which now includes Stewart, Rachel, Timothy and Tommie. "Gig" is a contract sales representative for Thompson Lumber Co. Young Stewart is becoming an accomplished archer under the tutoring of his neighbor, "Uncle Jack" Whitman. **ARDYTH BROESKE (SEE HAL RIECHERS)**. **PAUL C. BROWN** — is practicing law as a partner of the Law Firm of Formby, Paden and Brown in Kirksville, Mo. **FRED BUMPUS** — wife Sue, and Steven and Sally Jo are still living in Springfield, Ill. where Fred is Farm Manager, Trust Department, Springfield Marine Bank.



**MARTIN A. BURNHAM** — is in East Hartford, Conn., where he and his wife Caroline have recently moved to a new house on Manor Drive. Marty works at the East Hartford Federal Savings and Loan Association. An avid sports car fan, he spends much of his time in activities of the Valley Sports Car Club. **VITO CALECA** — is Staff Development Advisor at the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. "Vic", wife Virginia and son, Victor, are doing well in Springfield, Ill. **KAREN CASTEEL** — is living in Champaign where she is a clerk-typist in the Department of City Planning and Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois. **CHUCK CHAPMAN** — and family have moved to Elk Grove Village, Ill. Chuck and Kathy now have three children, Scott, Peter and Anne. Chuck is the Chief Manuscript Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill. **REV. JACK CHASE** — wife, Marian and their three daughters are still in St. Maries, Idaho, where Jack continues as pastor of the Foursquare Church. This past summer, Jack was a hit with the South Africans with his chair handling and basketball skills as he toured with the U.S.A. Paraplegic Athletes. **ROBERT "TED" CHENAULT** — via the grapevine we hear that Ted is now practicing law in Frankfort, Kentucky, is married and the father of twin girls. **GLORIA CHIN** — is an editorial assistant for the Modern Hospital Magazine in Chicago, Ill. **LEO R. CLAY, JR.** — received his B.A. from Roosevelt University in Chicago. He is now a case-worker in the Cook County Department of Public Aid and a part-time student at Loyola University School of Social Work, working toward his M.S.W. **FRANK B. CONCI** — is a Field Engineer for the local bureau of roads and streets in Murphysboro, Ill. He and his wife, Margaret, have five children, Terry, Helen, Frank, Jan and Carmen. **GEORGE CONN** — is Field Secretary for Alumni Services at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. George was a member of the U.S.A. team to South Africa and the Rhodesias this summer. **CLARENCE J. CROOKS** — is married. He and his wife, Vernice, are living in Peoria where he is practicing law. **ADRIENNE B. CUSON** (SEE **WILLIAM P. GORMAN**). **ELEANOR CYPRESS** — is living in Harvey, Ill., where she is a collector clerk in the City of Harvey Water Department. **CHARLES J. DAHNCKE** — and his wife, Adrienne, are living in

Danville, Ill. where Chuck works as a Claims Representative for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration. Chuck and Adrienne also went on the African trip this summer. **FRANK DOLOSZYCKI** — recently married **JOAN SCHOEMAKER**. Last we heard, they were living in San Diego, Calif. **DONALD DONEY** — wife Shirley, and son, Kevin Mark, are living in Champaign. Don is presently working as a draftsman for the U of I Physical Plant. He took the state board examination for his license in architecture this August — still awaiting the results. **CHARLES R. DOTY, JR.** — and wife Roberta, are living in Wappingers Falls, New York, where Charles is Senior Associate Engineer for the International Business Machines Corporation. **EUGENE DREYER** — is now a stockbroker for H. O. Peer and Company and living in Shawnee Mission, Kansas with his wife, Thelma and their daughter, Nancy Ann. **MARILYN DUNN** — is now working on her doctorate in Counseling at the U of I. **WAYNE ECCLES** — we hear via the NWBA grapevine is still working on developing wheelchair basketball and square dancing in Miami, Fla. We haven't heard from Wayne lately, though. **CONNIE J. ECKMAN** (SEE **MRS. THOMAS NOGGLE**). **DARLEEN L. ENDRESS** — is now living in Springfield, Ill. She is executive secretary of United Cerebral Palsy of Sangamon County. **JOHN EZOP** — now living in Anaheim, Calif. is now working for Hughes Aircraft as a member of the technical staff there. He and his wife, Rita, were married October 13 of this year. **CARL F. FAUST, JR.** — has married recently. Carl and his wife, Julia, live in Watertown, Mass. Carl is a student in the Harvard School of Business. **WILLIAM E. FIFE** — has resigned his position as Assistant Supervisor of Services in the Office of Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University and is now a Counselor in the Jewish Vocational Service in Chicago, Ill. **JAMES S. FITCH** — is working toward his Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. **ALVIN FLETCHER** — is working as an assistant to the office supervisor and payroll clerk in the Green Giant Company branch office in Belvidere, Ill. **IRA M. FRANK** — is presently a freshman in pharmacy at the U of I college of medicine, Chicago. **ROBERT FRERES** — we hear, married **VELMA SNYDER**. We've lost contact

with these two and would like to hear from them. **J. BARBARA (NEE CASH) FROCK** — and her husband, George, now live in Lawrence, Kansas. Barbara spends most of her time keeping house and taking care of son, Gary. **JOSEPH GANNS** — has opened a private counseling service in Champaign. He and his wife, Joan, have three children, Lawrence, Kimberly and Karin. **RICHARD C. GASSMANN** — has enrolled at Ohio State University, college of law. **MARJORIE (NEE NELSON) GLOSSOP** — has resigned her position as music teacher in the Public Schools of Palatine, Ill. She still gives private piano lessons in their home, but much of her time is taken up with Crystal Rae, her daughter. **ADRIENNE (NEE CUSON) GORMAN** — is now a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the New York State Department of Social Welfare Commission for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation Service. **ELEANOR GORNTO** — is continuing to teach in the U of I English Department and work on her doctorate degree. **JOHN GORRELL** — and his wife, Phyllis, are living in Granite City, Ill. where John is an operating clerk for the Illinois Power Company. **C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, M.D.** — is an associate in radiology in the school of medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has received an advanced fellowship from the National Academy of Sciences for the schools years of 1962-64. Ben and family — wife, Pearl and daughter Leslie — are doing fine, he reports. **MELVIN GREENE** — has resigned his position with Arthur Roung & Company, Accountants, Los Angeles, Calif. to accept the position of Manager of Budget and Forecast Planning at the Lockheed Aircraft Service Company, Ontario, Calif. Melvin, his wife Ruth, and their four children live in San Gabriel. **MARY GREENHOE** — is now assistant professor of Music at the Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn. **OTIS and PATRICIA (NEE HAMBRIGHT) GRIFFIN** — are now living in Richmond, Va. where Pat has taken a job after completing her masters degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling. **DORIS (NEE SUTTON) GROTH** — and her husband, Melvin, and children, Barbara Jean and James Edward, have recently moved into a new home in Kankakee, Ill. where Doris squeezes in some typing jobs between being a housewife and mother. **DELOR-**

**ES C. GUTIERREZ** — has resigned her position as a Spanish teacher. She is now a caseworker for the Cook County Department of Public Aid in Chicago and is assigned to an area which includes many Spanish speaking persons. **CAROLE HALL (SEE MRS. SIDNEY SURGI).** **ANDREA HANSON (SEE RALPH PATZKE).** **RICHARD HAYDEN** — has changed positions. He is now research engineer at the California Institute of Technology and is presently working toward a doctorate at the University of Southern California. **MARCIA HEDIGER** — has received her masters degree in English teaching and is now a library clerk in the U of I library. She tells us that she plans marriage in the near future. **KENNETH AND ELIZABETH (NEE BROWN) HILLSTROM** — are living in Villa Park, Ill. Ken is a mathematician at the Argonne National Laboratory, while "Betty" takes correspondence courses. The Hillstroms have one daughter, Diana Elizabeth. **WILLIAM D. HOLLOWAY** — and wife, Joan, are still living in Peoria, Ill. where Bill is the Personnel Director of the Bemis Brothers Bag Company. They have one daughter, Ann Patricia. **MARILYN KAY HOWARD** — has moved to Decatur where she is now a medical secretary. **BRICE HUDELSTON** — continues to do his fine job as counselor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Springfield, Ill. Brice and his wife, Helen, have one son, Brice Richard. **DOROTHY HUISINGA** — is now in Bloomington, Ill. She is a Claims Representative in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration. **ROALD A. JACOBSEN** — has his own law practice in Pecatonica, Ill. where he also serves as Justice of the Peace. He and his wife Mimi, have two daughters, Yvonne and Shirley. **KAY JACKSON** — is an accountant for Knowles Electronics, Inc. in Franklin Park, Ill. She planned to marry Robert A. Hoffman, October 20, 1962, last time we heard. **PAUL JENSEN** — is still an engineer with Westinghouse Electrical Corporation, but he has transferred to Baltimore, Md., to the Electronics Division. **STEPHEN "TERRY" AND HELEN (NEE BYARD) JONES** — toured the U.S. this June on their honeymoon. Terry is now working on his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Columbia University and Helen, on her M.A. in Speech Pathology at Hunter College,

New York City. **TOM & LOUISE (NEE FORTMANN) JONES** — own a home in Champaign. Tom continues to work as sports writer an announcer for WCIA-TV and Louis works as secretary to the supervisor of Recreation and Athletics at the Rehabilitation Center. Both of the Jones's are still talking about their trip to Africa with the U.S.A. Paraplegic Athletes. **BRUCE KARR** — and wife, Judy, now have two children, Kent and Peter. They are living in Elmhurst where Bruce works in the Account Receivable department of United Airlines. **LEON KELLER** — has completed the work for his masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is now a Computer Programmer at General Dynamics-Astronautics in San Diego, Calif. **JON P. KEISER** — is now attending Southern Illinois University majoring in Radio-TV. **JANICE KRES-SIN** — is a bookkeeper for Grob, Inc., Grafton, Wis. Jan is also very active in the National Paraplegia Foundation and is second vice president of the Milwaukee Chapter. **LYNDA L. KOOPMAN** — is now living in Joliet, Ill. where she is a mathematician working for the U.S. Army Ordinance Ammunition Command. **HAROLD KUEHLE** — completed his undergraduate studies at Southeast Missouri State and received a B.S. in Business, May, 1961. He is presently working on a masters degree in Counseling and is the owner of the Campus Book Store in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He reports he is active in the JCC's, the Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scout work. **ROBERT LANGFORD** — and his wife and three children are living in Bronxville, N.Y. where he works as Field Director of the Hadley School for the Blind. Bob is working part-time and going to school full-time at NYU where he is majoring in Vocational Rehabilitation. **MARVIN LAPICOLA** — is an accountant for Kellogg Company in Oak Park. He and his wife have recently moved into a new home. The Lapidola's have two children, Debra Lynn and Michael Scott. Marv's brother-in-law tells us Marv was recently sent to California to set up an accounting system for his company out there. **JUEL LEE** — has moved to the Badger State where he is the Assistant Dean of Men at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. **THOMAS LINDE, PH. D.** — moved to Milwaukee after acquiring his doctorate in psychology. He and his wife, Ann, are enjoy-

ing life there while Tom works as a clinical psychologist at the Jewish Vocational Counseling Service. **JOSEPH LO PRESTI** — has recently requested information about Delta Sigma Omicron. He was one of the original students at Galesburg and is interested in reinstating his membership. **FRANCES L. LUTHER** — is now a Registered Record Librarian, working as chief librarian at the Protestant Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind. Fran is active in several organizations for medical record librarians. **JANET MARSHAL** — has resigned her position at the Gotsch Rehabilitation Center in Thermopolis, Wyoming. She is now an employment counselor at the Goodwill Industries in Portland, Oregon. **KENNETH AND NORMA JEAN (NEE MCCLURE) MATTHIAS** — are still living in Crown Point, Ind. and now have three children, Debra Lynne, Teresa Ann, and Douglas Jay. Ken works for McLaughlins Golf Ball Company. **BRUCE (NEE ALDENDIFER) MCDANIELS** — reports that she and her husband, Boh, are to be parents shortly. Bruce, still as busy as she was during her school days, is keeping house and working as an Editorial Assistant at the University of Illinois Press. **BONNIE MCMANUS** — is instructor of Physiology at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Champaign. **JANE (NEE KING) MELIN** — and her husband, John, have two daughters, Ann and Nancy. Jane is teaching in the Champaign schools as well as being housewife and mother. **GLENDON & BARBARA (NEE HANLEY) MEYER** — are living in Champaign. Glen is in law School and Barbara is a Cytologist at the Burnham City Hospital. **DAVID & RUTH (NEE KELLER) MIEHER, JR.** — are in Jackson, Miss. where they are both working for WLBT-TV. Dave is News Editor and Ruth is a bookkeeper. **ROBERT MIRANDA** — continues as dispatcher for Illini Reefer Company. He and his wife, Ethel, and their daughter, Cindy, are anxiously awaiting the completion of their new home at Spring Lake, Ill. **JERRY MORGAN** — and wife Marjorie, are doing fine in Clarendon Hills, Ill. Jerry is a design engineer at International Harvester in Hinsdale, Ill. Jerry and Marjorie have two children, Linda and David. **JANE MURPHY (SEE MRS. PAUL PRESNY). GEORGIA MARIE NATION** — is an automobile insurance rating clerk for the Ohio Casualty

Insurance Company in Springfield, Ill. **MARJORIE NELSON** (SEE MRS. DONALD GLOSSOP). **DEAN & LOLA** (NEE LANGE) **NOSKER** — have two daughters now, Kimberly and Robin, and are living in Champaign. Dean is assistant editor at the extension division of the College of Agriculture, U of I. Dean accompanied the U.S.A. Paraplegic Athletes to Africa, but a death in the family prevented Lola from going. **KATHERINE A. NIEMEYER** — is now living in Saginaw, Michigan where she is a dietician at the Veterans Administration Hospital. **CONNIE** (NEE **ECKMAN**) **NOGGLE** — is now living in Anaheim, Calif. with her husband, Tom, and working as a dietician at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital. **AL OELSCHLEGAL** — his wife Harriet, and daughter, Alana, live in Champaign where Al has his own accounting practice. He continues in his job as treasurer of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. **IRENE OSTHOFF** — is a vocational counselor at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Warning to drivers on Chicago's Outer Drive — Irene now has her own car. **MARK ORR** — is on leave from Memphis State University to do research in Ancient History at the University of Illinois. **RALPH & ANDREA** (NEE **HANSEN**) **PATZKE** — are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Allen. Ralph works as dispatcher for F. R. Inskip & Co. and Andy keeps busy as private secretary to the Director of Nursing at Mercy Hospital. **GLENWOOD PERKINS** — is continuing as associate advertising manager for Elsner-Jewel Foods, in Champaign, Ill. His wife, Marge, works at the U of I Health Service. **RONALD PARSONS** — is now a graduate student in the Physics department at Stanford University in California. **MIRIAM "PEGGY" PEMBURN** — is a senior at Southern Illinois University majoring in speech correction. **PERRY PERSONS** — has moved from Haddensfield, N.J. to Cherry Hill, N.J. He is now project engineer in charge of advanced product development at the Burroughs Corp. (Electronic Instrument Division), Philadelphia. **VIRGINIA** (NEE **HARREL**) **POTTER** — is teaching in the Champaign School System while her husband, David, finishes his degree in engineering. **JANE** (NEE **MURPHY**) **PRESNEY** — is living in Springfield, Ill. with husband Paul, and two children, Paul and Catherine. We note that they have changed the spell-

ing of their last name from Przypyszny. **G. WAYNE PRIGGE** — and wife, Karen, now have a son, Robert. Wayne is a draftsman at Revcon, Inc. in Streamwood, Ill. **JOHN C. PRINCE** — and wife, Arlene, are still living in Des Plaines, Ill. where John is the assistant treasurer for the Radiation Counter Laboratories, Skokie. John and Arlene now have a daughter, Julie Diane. **JOHN PUSHKASH** — is working in the Traffic Division at WMVS-TV Milwaukee where he helps schedule memos for shows, etc. **SALO REBHAN** — is self-employed as a language tutor and translator (French and German) in Clarendon Hills, Ill. **DEAN F. RIDENOUR** — is a student at the University of Kansas City. He will receive his B.S. in 1964. **HAL & ARDYTH** (NEE **BROESKE**) **RIECHERS** — are still living in Los Angeles, Calif. where Hal is a master scheduler for Hughes Aircraft. Their children are Amy Lou, Lisa Jane and Randal Keith. **GEORGE M. ROST** — is in Poughkeepsie, New York, completing education requirements prior to accepting a teaching position in a New York Secondary School. **HARRIET ROVICK** — is enjoying the sun in Lemon Grove, Calif. before going to work. **HARRY F. SCHANNING** — has resigned his position as history teacher in the metropolitan Detroit area. He is now in Kalamazoo, Mich. where he is the assistant controller for Kalamazoo Sled and Toys, Inc. Harry and wife Anita, have three children — Don, Harry and Deborah. **DAVID L. SCHMIDT** — is now an engineer at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. **ROBERT L. SCHRIKER** — has earned his Ph.D. and now lives in Frederick, Md. with wife, Helen and three children, William Lee, Nancy Ann and Joan Marie. Bob is a Research Veterinarian working in the Medical Bacteriological Division, U.S. Army Biological Labs at Fort Detrick, Md. **WILLIAM M. SCHUYLER, JR.** — is a graduate student at Princeton University. **JOSEPH R. SCOTTI** — has received a scholarship to the University of Chicago where he is working toward a Ph.D. in music. **DONALD W. SEIFFERTH** — is now married. He and his wife, Marcia, have a daughter, Susan Kay. Don is cost accountant with the Inland Manufacturing Division, General Motors Corporation, Dayton, Ohio. **DAVID SELTERS** — is now working as an assistant buyer for a department store in Dayton, Ohio.

receive her degree from San Fernando State College in 1963.

**JAMES E. SEYBOLD** — recently finished his new home in Waukesha, Wis. He works as a free-lance writer and is very active in National Paraplegia Foundation. **THOMAS & KATHY (NEE MARIO) SHERMAN** — are living in Mattoon, Ill. where Tom works in accounting at Blaw-Knox. **ALICE E. SMITH** — received her bachelors degree from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina and is serving her Missionary Internship in Chicago, Ill. She plans to go to Scotland within two years. **CHARLOTTE R. SMITH** — completed her studies for her masters degree and has moved to Houston, Texas where she is now a physiologist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration — Manned Spacecraft Center. **JAMES L. SMITH, III** — and wife, Edith, are in Chicago where Jim is a credit supervisor with the Johns-Mansville Sales Corp. at Merchandise Mart Plaza. The Smiths have one son, Phillip Andrew. **RONALD L. SMOOT** — and wife, Pat, are living in Urbana, Ill. Ron is on leave from his teaching assignments while pursuing his doctorate full-time under a National Science Faculty Fellowship. **PAUL D. SONES** — and his wife, Sheila, are presently living in Wallaston, Mass. while Paul earns his masters degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering at M.I.T. Paul accompanied the team to South Africa this summer. **WAYNE W. SPADER** — is beginning his fourth year in the accounts payable department of Perlman Paper Company, Chicago, Ill. **FRED W. SPRINGE** — has resigned his position at Hughes Aircraft Co. He is now a senior research engineer, Preliminary Engineering, Computers and Data Systems at Autonetics, a division of North American Aviation, Inc. Fred and Arlene, his wife, now have four children, Debra, Fred, Barbara and Kirk. **JACK L. SPRING** — is an auto insurance underwriter employed by the Horace Mann Mutual Insurance Company, Springfield, Ill. **RONALD A. STEIN** — is managing the Dog & Suds Drive-In in O'Fallon, Ill. He and his wife, Jan, now have two daughters. **GEORGE W. STEINMANN** — is now a student at the Universal Institute of Applied Ontology in Loveland, Colo. His wife, Laure, has completed her studies and is now a Doctor of Chiropractic. George and Laure have three children, George, Rene, Ivy Lyn

and Holly Laure. **JAMES W. STEWART** — is now farm manager for the Central National Bank of Mattoon, Ill. **CAROLE (NEE HALL) SURGI** — reports that her recent "baby" was twins, Diane Marie and David Charles, born Aug. 20, 1962. The Surgi's Carole and Charles — now have three with Mary Elizabeth "Beth", and are living in Webb City, Mo. **DONALD W. SWIFT** — his wife, Gerry, and their two children, Brenda and Terry, live in Savoy, Ill. Don is Placement Officer in the Non-Academic Personnel Office at the U of I. He continues to be very active in Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. and wheelchair sports. Don was one of the U.S.A. Paraplegic Athletes who went to South Africa. **LEAH MAE (NEE TRUXELL) TAGG** — and her husband, Charles, have changed locations and size of family. The new Tagg's tag is David Arnold. The Tagg's are now in Fullerton, Calif. where Charles works as a mathematician at the Hughes Aircraft Company. **MARILYN SUE (NEE WILSON) TAYLOR** — is presently teaching art in a junior high school in Jacksonville, Fla. **MARY TRAUTMAN** — is living in St. Rose, Laval, Quebec, Canada. She is the Children's Directrice at the Home for Needy Children in Montreal. **ROBERT E. UNDERWOOD** — continues as network manager for the National Association of Educational Broadcasting in Champaign. He and his wife have two children, David and Susan. **BARBARA UNIEK** — finished her studies at Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill. and is now a caseworker in the Cook County Department of Public Aid. **FRANK VECERA** — is living the life of a carefree bachelor in Los Angeles where he works as an artist for Mattel, Inc. Frank played on the National Championship Flying Wheels wheelchair basketball team this year and also accompanied the group to Africa. **FRANK L. VERDUN** — is now Guidance Director in Momence Unit District No. 1 High School. **MARSHALL WALL** — is a research engineer at General Dynamics-Astronautics in San Diego, Calif. **ROBERT L. WALLER** — and wife, Patricia, now have three boys and two girls, Maureen, Timmie Ann, Bobby, Billie and Kenneth. Bob is now the Head-Administration-Plant Engineering Department of the Hughes Aircraft Company. **DONNA WEISINGER** — another member of the South African Safari group, is working as a secretary for IBM in Oak Park, Ill. **CHARLES E. WHITMAN** — is a heat transfer analyst

in Aerodynamic Heating of high speed aircraft at the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, St. Louis, Mo. **JACK WHITMAN** — is Sales Manager for WDWS radio in Champaign. He is also continuing his steady climb toward national and international titles in archery. To read a few of his achievements this year, see highlights and Recreation & Athletics sections. Jack and Jan both enjoyed England this summer when Jack shot in international competition. Will he or won't he build a trophy room next year. **DR. RONALD A. WIEDNER** — continues to practice Optometry in Highland, Ill. **PATRICIA ANN WIGGINS** — is a switchboard operator and rebate pricer at Chicago Auto Parts, Chicago, Ill. **WILLIAM C. WILKINS** — and his wife, Marie, are still in Cicero, Ill. where Bill is an accountant with Tee-Pak, Inc. manufacturers of food packaging products. Bill and Marie now

have two children, William and Denise. **LELAND & JOAN (NEE WOLL) WISE** — now have two children, Anne and Christopher. Lee is an accountant and junior executive for Eisner-Jewel Foods in Champaign and Joan is office manager at Eisner. The Wises report that they enjoyed a week's vacation in New York this year. **ELLSWORTH C. WOLF, JR.** — one of the original gang at Galesburg — and his wife Kathleen are continuing to do well in Rock Falls, Ill. where he is the owner of Twin City Yellow Cab Company and National Car and Truck Rentals for Rock Falls and Sterling. They now have five children, Pamela, Ellsworth III, Douglas, David and Marsha. **JUNE ANN WORTMAN** — is living in Gibson City, Ill. where she is employed as a teacher of Spanish and English. **PAULA (NEE INGERMAN) ZELLER** — and husband, Frederick, are living in Panorama City, Calif. She will

We've lost contact with many of you. The above information was taken from the questionnaire we circulated this summer and via the "grapevine". The 130 questionnaires which were returned to us this summer (about 40%) made the compilation of "Briefs" considerably easier than in the past. If you have current information on any of those we missed — please let us know. Our address — Sigma Signs, Box 517, MRH Post Office, Champaign, Ill.

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